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KICK-OFF

WITH **ARTHUR APPLETON**

The old pendulum keeps swinging in football. There was shock after shock the four nil defeat at Bolton deeply enough felt to suddenly number Bill McGarry's days, and now, that is before this return encounter, a buoyant spirit is afloat in the club with three points from away games at Wrexham and Luton sandwiched between the two Cup wins, and the prospect of another home tie ahead, a fortnight today.

Young players are worthily holding on to places. When Chris Waddle did not allow that hard-driven cross from Stuart Boam to go out of play, but had it under control in an acrobatic instant he was giving evidence of confidence and basic ability. And injuries are being repaired, and there's competition for places.

That there's nothing certain in football is a reason for its appeal. A side can rarely free-wheel. Liverpool can now and then when faced by opponents frightened of their reputation and the surroundings.

So, all one can say is that we expect Newcastle to win this afternoon. Bolton are free-scoring on their renovated table pitch at Burnden Park, but in away games only Bristol Rovers have had more goals scored against them.

Bolton have won two away; at Shrewsbury, 2-1, in early October, and at Wrexham, 1-0, on Boxing Day. They've drawn at Cardiff, Oldham and Luton. Yet they went near to beating Forest in Nottingham in the Third Round, twice going ahead after being behind, with two from Dave Hoggan and one from Neil Whatmore. Forest made it 3-3 with six minutes to go.

A 4-0 defeat at Grimsby followed the disappointment of going down in extra time in the home replay, but last Saturday Stan Anderson's men showed that the Forest setback was behind them by beating Derby 3-1. Alan Gowling got two in that, giving him seven for the season. Brian Kidd has

thirteen, three of them to his credit against United. Whatmore got the other in that August game. He has ten, and Hoggan six. Bolton know how to score.

Odd, that the last time these two clubs met at St. James', Newcastle were led by Stan Anderson. That was in the promotion season of 1964-65, when Stan missed only one game, and scored eight goals from midfield Bolton had come down into the Second that season - they were to slip down into the Third before they got back, briefly, to the First. Newcastle won that 1964-65 game two nil, before nearly 60,000, having got a one one draw at Burnden. Bolton finished third that season, seven points behind Newcastle, the champions. But by far the majority of meetings of these old clubs have been in Division One.

A rare away win for Sheffield Wednesday, 2-0 at Cambridge last Saturday, shot them into the limelight for promotion, although apart from West Ham any side which gets near to the top droops immediately. Even before a ball was kicked one or two people thought Wednesday would go straight through. They could, of course, but I fancy we haven't seen the last of Chelsea and Derby, and should Notts



The scene minutes after United had beaten Bolton.

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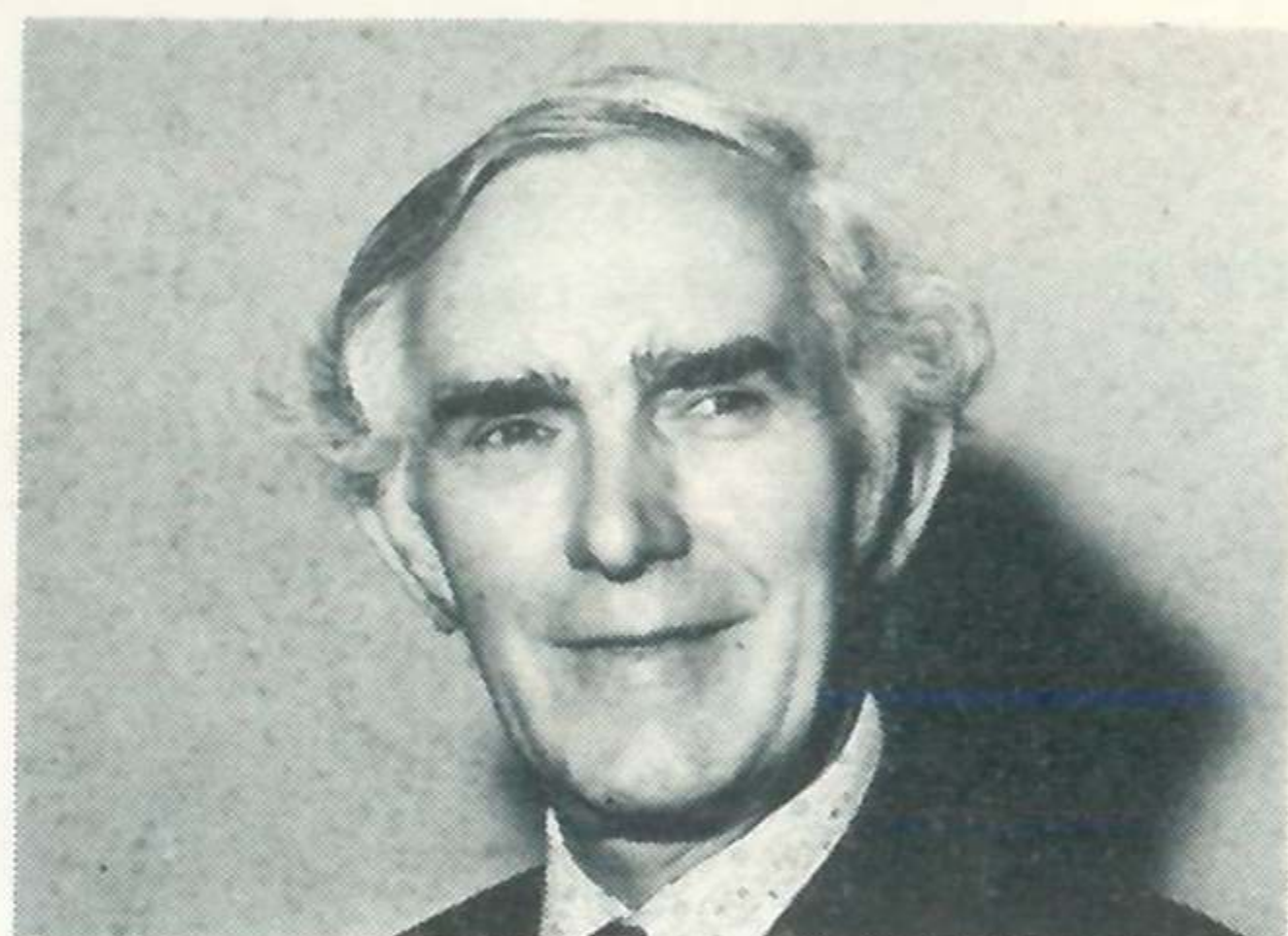
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County get their second wind they'll take a promotion place. They've been at walking pace since October, without a win, yet they're still there.

I don't see any sharing of grounds happening up here, among the big clubs that is. It's in London and in cities with two clubs that the matter will be talked about now and then. Sharing has been accepted really only in Italy. The game was born in separate patriotic communities and that's where its heart remains. But in London, Tottenham and Arsenal once had thoughts of sharing, and Fulham and Chelsea. Huge modern enclosures can scarcely be closer than those of Anfield and Goodison but there'd have to be vastly changed times in Liverpool before there'd be serious thoughts of sharing. This can happen. Manchester United played on at City's ground at Maine Road for a fair time after the war.

Newcastle and Sunderland are too separate and distinct to share. One hears complaints in Sunderland of the difficulty of getting to and from Roker Park. Having the sea and river on two sides and the main railway line running along the inland side didn't matter so much in pre-motor car days. Washington is the obvious answer but most people would be loathe to see the club move, and the chairman is talking of spending a huge sum on improving the Roker stadium. Actually, another road bridge over the railway line would ease matters.

Over a hundred years ago Rangers from Gateshead came over to St. James' because of its central situation. The ground has remained over the century relatively, although not completely, easy to get to. Ayresome Park is better than Roker for access but the Tees nearby can cause traffic jams as an anxious reporter from the north knows. No, this, the oldest of the three grounds, remains the best to get to.

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STEVE CARNEY

Steve joined the club from Blyth Spartans just over a year ago, with whom, like Alan Shoulder, he shared the glorious cup exploits of 1978. Also formerly with North Shields, Steve has been used extensively to fill John Brownlie's vacant spot this season. A rugged defender, he was brought up in Wallsend.

Steve Carney

There were many things to take the eye, and ear, last weekend. All embraced by what David Pleat, the Luton manager, described as "passion"... the essential ingredient that made United much the better side on the day.

There was the excellent team commitment which, during a late Luton onslaught, particularly, received crowd backing that could only be described as devastating. There was the sight of a nigh full house on Cup day which brings the memories flooding back.

Then there was a gem of a moment which, amongst all the other grand elements of last Saturday, surpassed all. Those few seconds of breath-taking skill when Waddle's left foot killed that overshoot with consummate ease, dallied with the one obstacle before him, and put in the most superlative of crosses. The goal that immediately followed, whilst crucial, was secondary to the event. It consolidated one's

So who's name cropped up on the Division Two domestic scene last week? And twice at that. Yes, former Newcastle striker Alan Gowling, whose two goals helped Bolton to beat Derby. That put today's visitors just one point behind Newcastle in the table, with one game more played. United will be striving to maintain their unbeaten run this year... let's hope the chances created in front of goal are not just confined to Cup competition!

Most interesting to hear a number of contrasting viewpoints at a sports sponsorship seminar the other week. On the one hand F.A. Secretary Ted Croker was saying that he felt the F.A. Cup would not benefit from sponsorship, whilst the League Cup possibly could. Work that one out. And bear in mind that football at large needs money, however it is dished out.

Another interesting one from the same source. How often have you heard MP's

A WEEKLY LOOK AT UNITED'S INTERESTS – HOME AND AWAY

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opinion, formed after his Cup baptism against Wednesday, that here was the realisation of above ordinary talent. When harnessed by experience, perhaps extra-ordinary.

The draw has been kind. That our number came out in Bob Lord's hand for the third time of asking, is a great reward for the fans. Whether it is kind in the second sense remains to be seen. As I write, Exeter haven't hosted their replay with Leicester, and by all accounts, were very unlucky not to win first time. If, as I fancy, they oust their illustrious opposition, we would do well to remember that the little South West outfit have the best away record in the Football League season.

Elsewhere, our near neighbours Middlesbrough got perhaps the plum tie of the draw – on paper at least. Neither the gallant non-Leaguers Enfield, or Barnsley, can really fancy their chances against John Neal's side. The rest of the draw at least gives heart to the smaller fry... more First Division outfits must bite the dust before Ted Croker's merry men get together again to draw the quarters.

saying their piece about how football club's should conduct themselves in relation to fan behaviour. That they should concentrate more of their resources on ground improvement, Etc. What everybody forgets is that the Government helps itself to £100m from the nation's pools promoters, and puts little or nothing back into the sport. So club's like Charlton (Ted's own patch) have to raise most of their own capital when they go for an all-seater stadium. Intriguing, isn't it? And wrong.

The BBC's Head of Outside Broadcasts, Cliff Morgan, adequately demonstrated that the media, and sponsored sport, need each other. He quoted the classic case of how not to handle a sponsor. A certain Rugby Union, never far from his native heart, had just taken £30,000 off a multinational to sponsor an international, and immediately after the same event were trying to hide the fact that they had ever received the money!

TERRY POOLE

Signed from Huddersfield Town in January 1977 for a £25,000 fee, Terry has found his opportunities strictly limited by the good form of Jim McDonagh and has made just one first team appearance in the League Cup at Exeter in 1978.

DENNIS PEACOCK

Joined the Wanderers from Doncaster in March last season. Born in Lincoln he had a spell with Nottingham Forest. At 6ft. 3ins., is one of the tallest keepers in the League.

DAVID BURKE

David emerged onto the first team scene at the start of the 1978-79 season. From Winsford, Cheshire, he made his senior debut against Chelsea in the League Cup. Can play at full back or in midfield and is a very exciting prospect.

PETER NICHOLSON

Signed for the Wanderers from Blackpool for a small fee prior to the 1971-72 season and has proved to be a fantastic bargain. A utility player who always gives a hundred percent in either defence or mid-field.

PAUL JONES

Paul is a tall, quick-tackling defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. He is a commanding player in the air as well as on the ground and has a habit of scoring vital goals. Can also play at full back with distinction.

MIKE WALSH

Manchester-born Mike joined the Wanderers from school. He has captained the side and is equally proficient in the middle of the defence, at full-back or in mid-field.

PETER REID

Joined Bolton from school on Merseyside. Was a regular member of the England Under-21 side which he also skippered. A very talented player who had the misfortune to sustain a severe knee injury which put him out of action for the second half of season 78-79 and the first half of last season, but recovered to win back a regular place.

LEN CANTELLO

Len cost the Wanderers a record £350,000 fee when he signed from West Bromwich Albion in June 1979. He is the sort of midfield player who delights in stamping his authority on a game. Always looking for a chance to attack he is an exciting player with an eye for seeing an unexpected opening.

DUSAN NIKOLIC

Signed from Red Star Belgrade in September this season to strengthen the midfield. Yugoslavian born, has represented his country at Senior International level on four occasions and also has eleven Under 23 Caps and 24 Youth International Caps. Has played for Red Star in European Competitions every season since 1970.

MIKE GRAHAM

Youngster who joined the Wanderers from school and made the breakthrough onto the senior scene in season 78-79. A strong tackling full-back, he looks to have a very bright future in the game. Born in Lancaster.

BRIAN KIDD

Brian was a member of Manchester United's European Cup winning team in 1968 and he was later capped twice by England. He moved on to Arsenal for £110,000 in 1974 but two years later he returned to Manchester to join the City club for £100,000. After two seasons at Maine Road he joined Everton for £150,000 and last season was the club's top scorer. He joined Bolton for £150,000 at the end of last May.

ALAN GOWLING

Signed for a £120,000 fee from Newcastle United three seasons ago after four years at St. James' Park. Started his career with Manchester United and then moved to Huddersfield.

TADEUSZ NOWAK

Polish attacker who won international honours at every level for his country. Signed just before the end of the 78-79 season from Warsaw club Legia. The fee has not been disclosed but it is estimated to be around £50,000. Tadeusz is a tall, speedy player who can play in any attacking position.

NEIL WHATMORE

Strong attacker with a flair for scoring goals. Is a prolific scorer and can also play in midfield with good effect. Was top scorer last season with 18 goals.

MIKE CARTER

A highly talented striker with an ability to score spectacular goals. Mike had a spell on loan with Mansfield in the 78-79 season making 18 League appearances and scoring four goals. He made his League debut for Wanderers against Bristol City in December 1979 and scored his first League goal later that month in the dying seconds to snatch a home point against Everton at Burnden Park after coming on as substitute.

PHIL WILSON

Had a tough baptism in Wanderers' League side making his debut at Arsenal in February this year then playing at Manchester United and then against European Champions Nottingham Forest – all in the space of eight days. A tough little character with no shortage of skills which kept him in the side for the rest of the season. Born in Hemsworth, Yorkshire, he joined Bolton as a schoolboy in February 1976 and signed full professional forms in October 1978.

MICK BENNETT

A member of the successful England Youth squad which won this summer's European Youth Championships in East Germany, Mick is one of the most promising youngsters in the game. Made his League debut against Everton at Goodison Park in April and has played at full-back and in midfield. Bolton born, he joined the Wanderers as a schoolboy, becoming an apprentice in June last year and signing full professional forms six months later.

DAVID HOGGAN

Joined Bolton from Tynemouth Boys Club Edinburgh as an apprentice in November 1977 and signed full professional forms in August 1979. Made his League debut at Bristol City on April 12th this year and in his brief appearances showed neat skills and ability to shoot from any range.

TODAY'S LINE-UP

1. Kevin Carr
2. Steve Carney
3. Peter Johnson

4. Mick Martin
5. Stuart Boam
6. Bruce Halliday

7. Bobby Shinton
8. John Trewick
9. Mick Harford
10. Kenny Wharton
11. Chris Waddle
- 12.

BOLTON WANDERERS



BACK ROW (Left to right): MIKE GRAHAM, DAVE HOGGAN, TERRY POOLE, CHRIS THOMPSON, MIKE BENNETT, PETER REID.
MIDDLE ROW (Left to right): TADEUSZ NOWAK, DAVE CLEMENT, MIKE WALSH, DENNIS PEACOCK, LEN CANTELLO, PETER NICHOLSON, BRIAN KIDD.
FRONT ROW (Left to right): ALAN GOWLING, PHIL WILSON, DAVE BURKE, NEIL WHATMORE, MIKE CARTER, PAUL JONES.



SECRETARY'S COLUMN

'A HOME DRAW'

What a terrific performance last Saturday, not only on the pitch but also from the supporters. It's some time since we've had that kind of atmosphere and if we can keep it up with a combined effort from team and supporters alike who knows where the road might lead. After being drawn at home in the third and fourth rounds of the Cup the law of averages suggested that another home draw might not be on the cards, but not so. Although we were the last out of the bag as far as the match was concerned, it happened again — a home draw.

The match is set to take place on the 14th of February and there will as usual be tickets available for the seating accommodation and West Stand Centre Paddock which will be available on the following basis:

Prices will be the same as the last round which were, East and West Stand Centre sections £3.50; East Stand Wing sections and West Stand 'A' and 'E' Wings £3; East Stand Paddock seating £2.50 (Juveniles and O.A.P.'s £1.50) West Stand Centre Paddock £2.20.

Season Ticket holders only may apply for a ticket in the first instance, from **MONDAY FEBRUARY 2nd** to **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5th**, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. each day. A ticket will be supplied on production of **COUPON CT3** and correct remittance. Postal applicants should enclose s.a.e. While on the question of season ticket holders may I please point out that it is not always possible to supply your own particular seat, as, for Cup-ties the visiting club is entitled to 25% of tickets at each price and on occasion they do take up their full quota. Voucher holders with 8

or more 1980/81 vouchers will be given the opportunity to purchase any remaining tickets on **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6th**, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. One ticket per voucher sheet qualifying.

Any remaining tickets will be on **GENERAL SALE** from **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7th** 10 a.m. — 3 p.m. only, and again from **MONDAY FEBRUARY 9th** 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. each day for as long as stocks last.

If you do want to purchase a seat for this particular game and you are not a season ticket holder don't leave it too late in purchasing because indications are that seat tickets will go very quickly.

At the time of writing this article no decision had been made on whether or not the game will be an all-ticket affair. Details may have already been announced regarding this, if not watch the press for details in the next few days.

Before the game on the 14th we have Queens Park Rangers to play at St. James' Park next Saturday and League points today and against Rangers are just as, if not more, important than the Cup.

WILL THIS be the season when our Second City finally claims a football first?

It is a long time since Birmingham — more famous of late for its Spaghetti Junction than its glittering Soccer prizes — welcomed home the F.A. Cup Winners. Or better still, the First Division Champions.

1981 could change all that. More and more, the omens are looking good for the long-awaited big Brummie breakthrough.

No one is more optimistic than Ron Atkinson, flamboyant, friendly and knowledgeable boss of West Bromwich Albion.

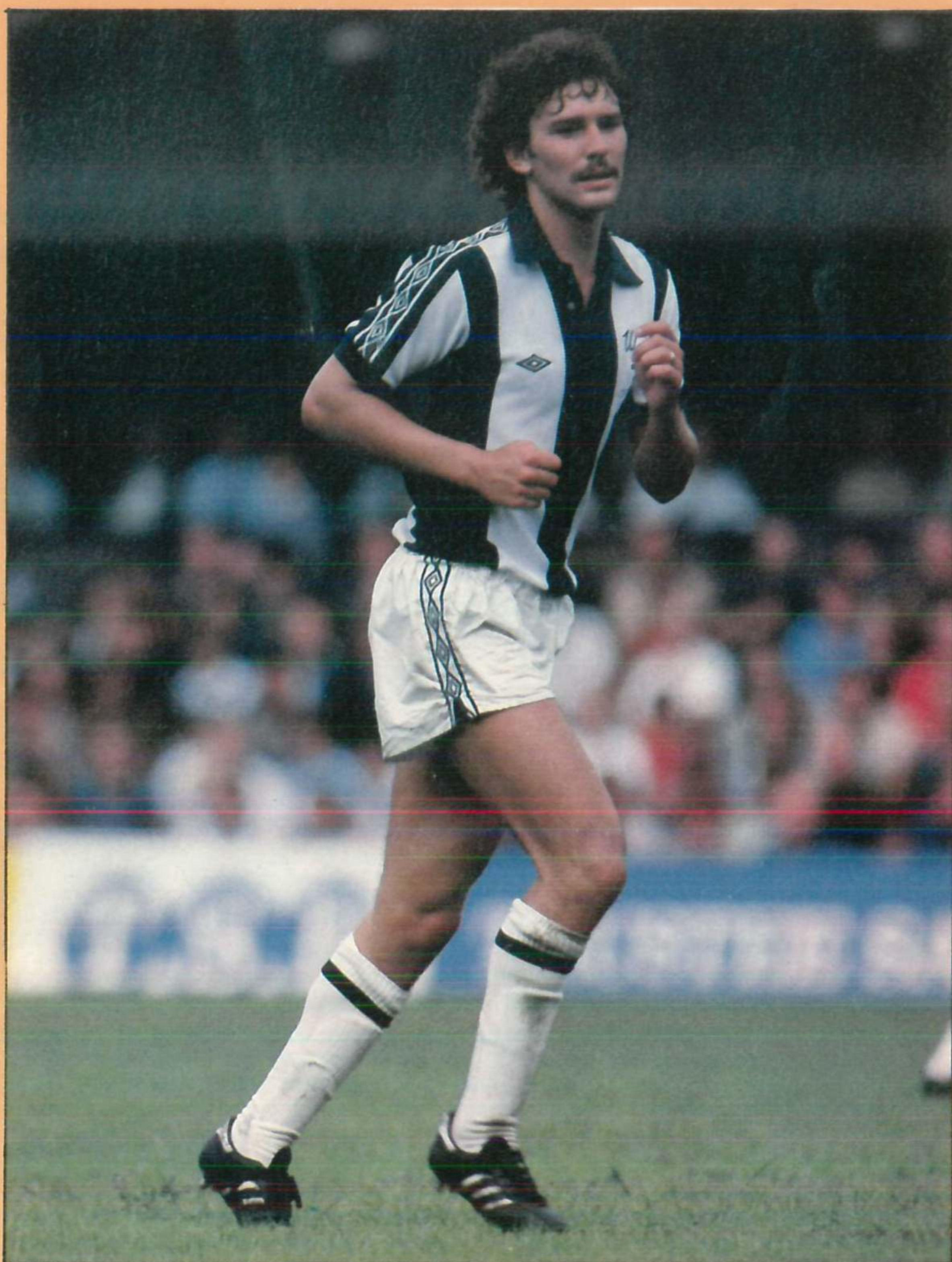
He told me: "You must fancy Aston Villa to have chances of taking the Championship away from Liverpool — **AND I DON'T RULE OURSELVES OUT, EITHER.** It's wide open, and up for grabs."

It is a long time since Birmingham could boast not just three teams in the First Division, but three teams playing well simultaneously.

ASTON VILLA have set a crackling pace at the top of the table. Ron Saunders has built a brilliant young side, superbly led by that mature and under-rated skipper Dennis Mortimer.

In slim-line midfield starlet Gordon Cowans, and blond striker Gary Shaw, they have two of the country's most exciting young talents.

Villa have a proud pedigree. Formed back in 1874, they are original members of the Football League. They have won the First Division title six times, the last in 1910. They have also lifted the F.A. Cup a staggering seven times — but



Bryan Robson—W.B.A.

It's Wide Open

again, their last success was back in 1957.

Shrewd judges, including Ipswich manager Bobby Robson, are convinced that Villa are close to the big breakthrough. And of Gary Shaw, Robson forecasts: "Once he learns to finish, he'll be a sensational striker. He's some player as a teenager — the mind boggles at what he's likely to be like at 21."

WEST BROMWICH ALBION were formed in 1879, and haven't done too badly, either, thank you very much. They were Champions in 1920, and have won the F.A. Cup five times — the last in 1968.

This season, with Bryan Robson and Remi Moses driving them from midfield, veteran skipper John Wile and Scottish terrier Alistair Robertson steadying them at the back, and big Cyrille Regis leading their attack with more aggression than ever, they have emerged as one of the most

attractive sides in the land.

Ron Atkinson deserves much of the credit for that. He is a manager who hates to be bored by negative football — especially from his own side!

BIRMINGHAM CITY, on paper, have been the least successful of our Second City's three clubs. Formed in 1965, they are still awaiting their first Championship. Their best First Division position was 6th in 1956. They have never won the F.A. Cup either, although they were beaten finalists in 1931 and 1956.

Gradually, they are gaining consistency with a colourful side created by their popular manager, Jim Smith, a man who learned his trade in the lower Leagues with Colchester and Blackburn.

"The Golden Oldies" is what some scribes have christened City — due, no doubt, to the presence in their side of veteran Scottish inter-

national skipper Archie Gemmill, and former England stars Colin Todd and Frank Worthington.

All three are well past their 30th birthdays. But they are all playing well this season, and are as responsible as any of their young colleagues for Birmingham becoming a side most teams now respect.

Not for a long time have football fans in England's Second City looked forward to a New Year with more optimism.

They have two teams with a chance of taking the Championship. They have three sides well capable of lifting the F.A. Cup.

Liverpool, Nottingham and London would hardly grudge Birmingham a triumph after all those years in the wilderness. Let's wish our Second City a "Happy New Year". There have not been too many of them lately.

Good Beer

BY ROGER PROTZ EDITOR OF THE GOOD BEER GUIDE



Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, one of the oldest and most historic inns in England, is in St. Albans, where CAMRA has its headquarters. An Ind Coope house, the Fighting Cocks serves Benskins Bitter, one of several new traditional beers that Ind Coope are putting into their pubs.

Buying a pint of beer used to be a simple matter. You would walk into the local where the handpumps on the bar clearly announced "mild" and "bitter" - no fancy names, no bright, flashing boxes.

You would order a pint of your chosen tippie or even mix mild and bitter. But beer was beer, no messing.

Then in the 1960s, the brewing industry went crazy, like a drunk on a blinder. The handpumps were ripped out of thousands of pubs and replaced by a bewildering variety of plastic dispensers, shaped like barrels or letters of the alphabet. The names on the boxes were the same as the new national brands that were trumpeted from television commercials and street hoardings.

The age of keg beer had arrived. It was no longer enough to merely ask for "a pint". Now you had to state the name - Watney's Red, Worthington E, Double Diamond and the rest of the expensively - promoted and, as a result, expensive-to-buy keg beers.

NO CHOICE

A lot of poeple drank keg beer. Many of them had no choice, as some of the big brewers supplied nothing but keg on tap to their pubs.

But not everyone was happy with the new-style beer. It was, the critics

complained, too cold, too bland in taste, too fizzy.

Some of the grumblers got together and formed an organisation to fight to save old-fashioned, traditional beer. The big brewers laughed and said the organisation would never get off the ground. 'There's no demand for traditional beer,' they said. "Everyone wants keg".

Next year, the organisation that nobody wanted celebrates its tenth anniversary. It is called the Campaign for Real Ale, or CAMRA for short. It has 20,000 members and



A publican checks that the beer has settled and is clear and ready to serve. Note the small wooden peg in the end cask, which allows maturing beer to breathe.

they have transformed the brewing industry in the past decade.

You only have to look around at the pubs in your area to see what has been achieved. Many of them have posters or banners proclaiming "We sell real ale". Old-fashioned handpumps stand proudly again on thousands of bars and drinkers are confronted by a galaxy of real ales, produced by the big brewers, the independent companies and the scores of tiny two-man outfits that have come bubbling into business in recent years.

TO ITS GRAVE

And as for keg, the beer that everyone wanted - well, hardly anyone drinks it any more. Watneys have stopped production of the much-lauded Red and Ind Coope are expected to send Double Diamond to its grave in the near future. Today, its either lager or real ale.

Real ale or traditional beer is different to keg bitter or lager because it is a living beer. All beer is brewed in the same way, from malted barley, pure water and hops. It is when fermentation ends, when the yeast has finished turning the sweet liquid into alcohol, that the difference between keg and real ale emerges.

Keg beer - so called because it is



Filling casks with real ale in the brewery.

put into sealed containers called kegs - is chilled and filtered in the brewery to kill off all living matter in the beer. It is then pasteurised to make sure that death is complete, run into containers and topped up with carbon dioxide gas. In the pub, it is pumped up to the bar by further gas pressure.

MORE PROFITABLE

Traditional beer escapes the dreaded filters and heat units. It is run into casks - the familiar shape that everyone incorrectly calls barrels - and taken to the pub cellar, where the beer has to stand for a day or two while the sediment of yeast settles. A small peg made of soft wood is knocked into a hole on the top of the cask to allow the natural carbon dioxide gas produced by the still fermenting beer to escape.

When the beer has settled, it is drawn to the bar by a suction pump operated by the handpump on the bar - in some parts of the country, electric pumps do the job. Unlike keg and lagers, no gas pressure is used to force the beer up from the cellar. As air comes into contact with real beer through the wooden peg in the cask, it has to be drunk within a few days. Keg beer, on the other hand, is sterile and will stay in a drinkable form for months. It is more profitable, which explains why the brewers were once keen to kill off traditional beer in favour of keg.

It is the period in the pub cellar before the beer is served that is vital, for it continues to ferment and mature in the cask. And it is the continuing fermentation that gives traditional beer its greater flavour and character - a flavour that is not

masked by gas pressure when it reaches your glass.

SWEET AND BITTER

There are hundreds of real ales you can try in different parts of the country. Some are sweet, some are bitter, some dark, some light, some sensible in strength and a few that will leave you feeling as if your head is full of wet feathers. The Good Beer Guide lists all traditional beers with their alcoholic strength.

And if you really get the taste for the stuff, you can try brewing your own. Home brewing is good fun and it has the added incentive of producing beer for about 8p a pint.

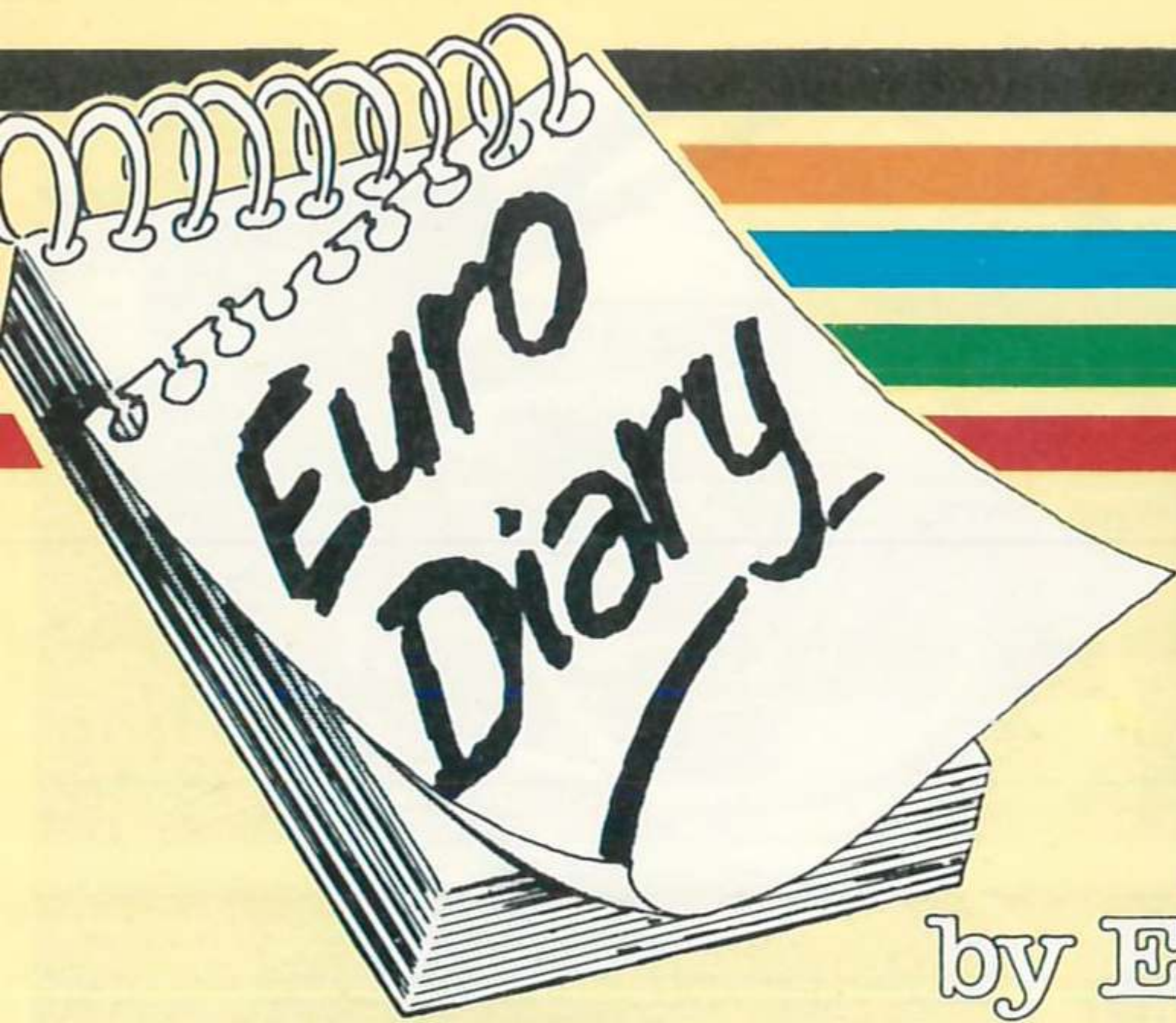
To get a pukka beer, you will

have to use barley malt, but that requires special equipment. Before you get to that exalted level, it is best to have a stab with a simple home-brew kit from stores like Boots or Woolworths. The kits come in 16 or 40 pint sizes and contain a treacly malt and hops concentrate. The only piece of equipment you will need is a large plastic bucket in which the beer ferments. Within a couple of weeks you should have some tasty ale to sup.

Whether at home or in your local, real ale drunk in sensible quantities will give you pleasure and enjoyment. Without the efforts of CAMRA, there would be hardly any real ale left left to enjoy, so let's raise our glass to them and say - Cheers!



Handpumps on the bar with a fine range of traditional beers.



by Eric Nicholls

U FOR USELESS

Justice is seen to be done. If you believe that then you must believe in fairies at the bottom of the garden. Take the case of UEFA versus Barcelona.

As I told you recently Barcelona had a little bit of bother from their "supporters" during their second leg home tie with FC Cologne in the UEFA Cup.

Bottles were among those items described as weapons and while Tony Woodcock's Cologne were removing Barcelona from the competition with an incredible 4-0 away win Cologne reserve 'keeper was hit on the head with a bottle, to say nothing of a Spanish policeman being carried away on a stretcher with a head

wound caused by a bottle.

So, what does the UEFA do? They hand out a mini fine of approximately £7,700 to Barcelona.

Quite apart from their organisation of the Nations Cup in June, some of the actions of UEFA raise questions concerning their ability to rule the affairs of football in Europe.

What can be done about them? The national football associations, including ours, happen to be members of UEFA. The ball is in their court!

Barcelona don't seem to be able to stay out of the news. Nor does Rinus Michels, the Chief Coach for Holland in the 1974 World Cup final. Michels, now Woodcock's boss

at Cologne was for four years Chief Coach to Barcelona.

The Spanish tax authorities have taken it upon themselves to "confiscate" Michels' luxury bungalow on the outskirts of Barcelona.

They claim he owes them £68,750 in tax and since he hasn't paid up they'll have his bungalow instead.

Nobody seems to have bothered to ask Barcelona about this. You see there was a little clause in Michels' contract that stated the club would look after income tax payments. Did they? Obviously not.

Michels is not alone. Johan Cruyff had exactly the same problem with the tax authorities when he left for America. Or should we say with Barcelona? His luxury bungalow there is apparently in the hands of "Inland Revenue Squatters".

Just as well Bobby Robson didn't make that move to "Sunny Spain" after all.

Paolo Rossi, that highly - talented young striker Italy discovered

THE

in time to put on display during the 1978 World Cup, looks like getting back to making a good name for himself.

Rossi was one of the players banned by the Italians for allegedly being involved in the bribes scandal. But Cesare Bartolucci, a player who was supposed to have handed Rossi money, has told the Italian FA that he didn't hand over one single lire and to his knowledge Rossi was given precisely nothing.

It could be said that this is better late than never. Or it could be asked what took Senor Bartolucci so long?

When in doubt ask the doctor. Ze Sergio, the 22 year-old FC Sao Paulo winger and one of Brazil's top players, did just that to his club doctor and received Maldecon, a forbidden stimulant, before a game. He also took Genilpropanolamine, which is also on the banned list.

The trouble is the club doctor has told the Brazilian FA this. And Ze Sergio has been banned from playing while the matter is being investigated.

Players offering critical opinions of referees can land themselves in trouble. But that's nothing com-

pared to what a Dutch referee has said about people and clubs.

Egbert Mulder is the ref who gave Ajax player Dick Schoenaker a red card last season for "striking" Dutch international striker Dick Naninga in a game against Roda JC.

Mulder left it until this season to claim in public that Ton Brandsteder, then the Ajax treasurer, used his technical knowledge as a Sony employee to "fix" a videotape and do a deal with Dutch tv so that no punch was seen on the box.

That is surely enough. But no. Mulder used that for starters. He went on to accuse two amateur clubs of being involved in the doping of players.

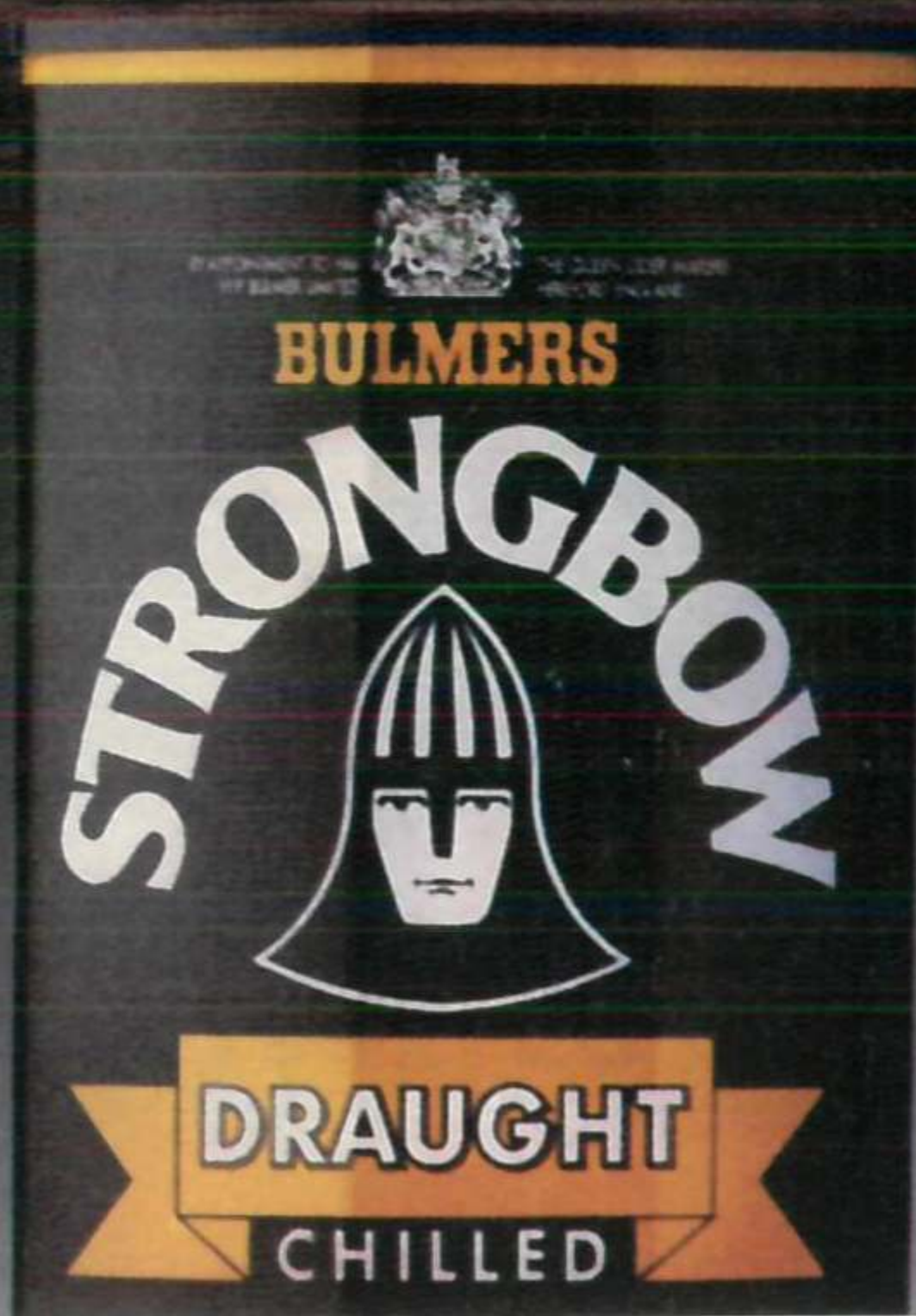
The result? Forget about the solicitors' letters that have been flying around Holland like yellow cards, Mr. Mulder's services as a referee are no longer required by the Dutch FA. Surprise, surprise!

Players from Iceland rarely hit the headlines. But Petur Petursson, the blond striker with Feyenoord was their top scorer until a knee operation put him out of action. Good news for Feyenoord and Iceland is that Petursson will be fit after the Continental winter break and certainly ready for Feyenoord's European Cup Winners' Cup quarter final in March. Just thought West Ham would like to know.



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DIAMONDS

by ROBERT WALKER



Gary Birtles

The massive and much-delayed transfer of England striker Gary Birtles from Nottingham Forest to Manchester United reminded me of the favourite football saying of an old North Country manager.

"Tha can still find diamonds if tha's willing to dig deep enough and long enough".

No modern, million-pound-plus transfer illustrates his point than Birtle's headline-hitting move to Old Trafford, even if it did become a saga of Coronation Street proportions

before the deal was finally completed.

For when United finally agreed to pay Forest a reported £1.25 million for the bearded striker, it meant one of the most massive profits ever made on a footballer.

Only four years before, Birtles was earning his living laying tiles, and playing as a part-timer for unfashionable non-leaguers Long Eaton.

And therein lies one of Soccer's great ironies!

Because Nottingham Forest were

not the only club to see possibilities in Birtles.

Peterborough United were also hot on the trail. Posh's then manager, John Barnwell, now at Wolves, knew so much about Birtles that he had agreed transfer terms for the player with Long Eaton.

John still winces when he recalls the day he sat in the Peterborough manager's office at London Road.

The transfer forms were ready. All Barnwell needed was Birtle's signature on those formal papers.

But as he waited and wondered, Barnwell received a telephone message saying that Birtles was not now turning up to sign for Posh. Nothing else.

Next thing Peterborough, and Barnwell, knew, Birtles has signed for Forest.

The rest is now history. Gary's best mate, Q.P.R. goalkeeper Chris Woods, remembers his arrival as a pretty average player, turning out with Woods for Forest reserves.

But after a few months of being polished by Brian Clough and Peter Taylor, the rough diamond was ready to be put on public show - and finally into the shop window with a million plus price tag.

Birtles made fewer than 100 League appearances for Forest.

He did help them win the Championship, the European Cup Twice, and also battled his way bravely into the England side.

Yet amazingly, all through his teens, he had been ignored by the big clubs.

So it does go to show that bargains can still be found in the lower Leagues.

Cyrille Regis, West Bromwich Albion's brilliant coloured striker, is another magnificent example.

Earlier this season, Chelsea, too, found themselves a real bargain in winger Phil Driver, snapped up for £20,000 from near-neighbours Wimbledon.

Driver had been on Charlton's books as a youngster, but was released. Wimbledon have insisted on a further £10,000 payment when he plays a specific number of first-team games for Chelsea.

Obviously, Chelsea will be happy to pay up. Their young manager, Geoff Hurst, has been boss at Stamford Bridge for little more than a year. But already the man who gained immortality for his World Cup hat-trick in 1966, has proved that he's got an eye for a bargain. They are still to be found - if you dig deeply.



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Not content with being the country's finest 'keepers, that indomitable duo Shilton and Clemence have branched out. Yes, they've made a record and it's called "Side by Side". If their singing is as good as their playing then roll over Abba: your time is up. Something tells me however, that these boys will not be forsaking the football stadium for the musical stage Congrats to AC/DC who were recently acknowledged as one of the world's biggest bands with the presentation of a special award marking their achievement of selling over 10 million records throughout the world Tom Jones' "Green Green Grass of Home" recently re-recorded by John Otway. Should improve it somewhat Small Hours new band of heavy r'n'b bias have declared they will never make an album settling instead for a series of four track Eps

Fine new album for jazz fans is the excellent Barbara Thompson's live double set. It features her husband drummer Jon Hiseman Bobalouis recently played a charity show for Dr. Barnado's at their local girls' school in Esher With sales forever on the up, The Jam may continue to be the eighties' biggest band. My prediction any way Good to see Maggie Bell back on

stage when she joined Bob Seger for his European tour recently. Let's hope we see her on stage more frequently Despite the defection of their founder, mentor and bankroller Elton John to pastures new (in this case Geffen Records), Rocket Records are still marching on as if nothing has happened. They've just signed a band called Arrogant (who hail from Slough) and an Australian called BC Brown (who doesn't) Jon Anderson is apparently turning into the latest teen idol. On his recent UK tour, the former YES frontman was often besieged by crowds of screaming schoolgirls The former leader of Sledgehammer who, you might well have guessed, were not a folk group, has formed another outfit which simply oozes intellectual subtlety. It's called 'Ows Yer Father' and they have a new single out called "More Like A Bruvver". Their chosen record label is Out to Lunch Records. Hmmmmmm

The latest fad to promote a new record release appears to be playing live inside record stores. More and more bands are going straight from the stage of their local club one night to the doors of their local record shop the next morning. The latest seem to be the Fabulous Poodles so

I'm told. That must mean the band are still going which is news to me Can't see Blondie lasting much longer. Their appalling "Auto American" album and increasing speculation about their future inspired, no doubt, by their apparent apathy to do anything of great consequence, must point several question marks in their direction. Can't help feeling Debbie Harry will not be short of offers nonetheless Noosha Fox, who gave her second name to the group, is back with a new record called "More Than Molecules" which can be found on Earlobe Records ... This year we doff our caps to Joe Loss who celebrates fifty years as a bandleader. Can't help wondering if The Clash will be able to say the same in and around the year 2020 Talking of Bob Seger rather than Maggie Bell for a second, it appears his recent north American tour was seen by no less than 1.3 million fans in total. His UK tour? My guess is nearer 15 thousand And to round off this week, I just urge you (this incidentally, is male chauvinist whatnots corner) to keep a look out for Captain and Tennille's latest album "Keeping Our Love Warm" which I recommend not for its musical content but for the sleeve alone.

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Since the last war less than a dozen men have filled the role of central-defender for England's International team on a regular basis. Although in those early days the position was referred to as centre-half, the same job of the central-defender or centre-back, at least at International level, has not changed very much. This position has been filled with great distinction over the past 35 years with some of our most skilfully intelligent players while sometimes at club level the Number Five shirt has been worn by a simple 'stopper'.

Immediately after the War, the man found to be occupying the centre-half spot for England was Cornelius F. 'Neil' Franklin.

Born in Stoke-on-Trent on 24th January 1922, Franklin joined his home town club as an amateur in 1936, signing professional in January 1939, and so he had to wait until the War had ended before his career could really begin. His qualities soon showed themselves in his play — masses of skill and the ability to marshal the defence like a general, magnificent heading and passing, were some of them. He was a natural to assume the Stan Cullis mantle in the England team when Internationals began again. On the 28th September 1946 in Belfast he helped England to a 7-2 win and established himself in the team. He played in 27 consecutive Internationals and finished on the losing side only four



Roy McFarland

Hero in an England shirt~ Centre~Backs

ROBERT WALKER

times.

Then, shortly before the 1950 World Cup in Chile, Franklin asked the selectors not to consider him for personal reasons. Soon afterwards he flew to Colombia to join the Santa Fe club in the capital city of Bogota. As a family man he was prepared to exchange his International career for the promise of generous wages and bonuses plus luxurious accommodation and other trappings of success. The maximum wage in England at that time was £12 a week, dropping to £10 in the close season.

Within a couple of months, though, Franklin was back in England, disillusioned by the low playing standards and — more important —

by the non-appearance of the promised riches.

The FA suspended him for a year and Stoke City promptly sold him to Hull for £20,000. Aged 28, he could have taken up where he had left off, but something had gone from his game, and after spells with Crewe and Stockport County he went into non-League soccer. Following a coaching stint with Appoel in Cyprus he became manager of Colchester United from November 1963 to May 1968. This ended his association with the game. He became a licensee in Oswaldtwistle in January 1969 — a sad ending to what had once looked a magnificent soccer career.

SWAN SONG

After Franklin's hasty departure, the Number Five shirt for England was filled by several men, of whom only Jack Froggatt of Portsmouth, with 13 caps, and Blackpool's Harry Johnston, with 10 appearances, laid a real claim to the job. But then along came William Ambrose 'Billy' Wright to make the job his own.

Up until the end of the 1953-54 season, Wright had normally appeared for England at right-half but now he switched to centre-half and carried on his International career for a total of 105 appearances. When Wright finally vacated the spot at the end of the 1958-59 campaign, several players again came forward to try to fill

his place, but eventually the regular choice fell to Yorkshireman Peter Swan of Sheffield Wednesday.

Born in South Elmsall on 8th October 1936, he joined Wednesday as an amateur in 1952 and signed professional with the Hillsborough club in December 1953. Strong, tall and dominating, he was a very hard man to beat either in the air or on the ground. Between 1960 and 1962 Swan played 19 times for England, but his career in football ended in scandal, and his suspension in May 1965, although this was eventually lifted in June 1972.

Between 1962 and 1965, England called on Tottenham's Maurice Norman 23 times and the big Norfolk-born centre-half always gave good service. In November 1965 he sustained a bad break of the leg, an

injury which forced his retirement from the game in December 1967. He was for a time assistant manager of a garage in North London, and later a shopkeeper at Frinton-on-Sea. With Spurs he won a League Championship medal, two FA Cup winners' medals, and a European Cup Winners' Cup medal in 1963 — some reward for his excellent service to the game.

After Norman, we had the era of Jack Charlton, the Leeds United late-developer who followed brother Bobby into the England outfit and picked up a World Cup Winners' medal during his 35 games for his country.

Brian Labone of Everton played 26 times for England between 1963 and 1970 before retiring from the game in June 1972. For a while,

Laurence Valentine 'Larry' Lloyd, then of Liverpool and later given a new lease of life with Nottingham Forest, vied with Derby County's Roy McFarland for the central-defender position. But Lloyd only managed three caps and McFarland stole the honours with 28. Lloyd did pick up another cap with Forest, but that wasn't until 1980.

WATSON'S WORLD

Coming up almost to the present day, we have seen Dave Watson's almost unchallenged reign at the centre of the England defence. Nottingham-born Watson joined the local County outfit as an amateur in 1964 when he was 18, making his League debut during the 1966-67 season. Surprisingly allowed to join Rotherham United for a mere £7,000 in 1967, he became a 'striker' with the Millmoor club before moving to Sunderland for £100,000 in December 1970.

Bob Stokoe's arrival at Roker Park in 1972 saw Watson back in the defence. Then in June 1975 came a £200,000 transfer to Manchester City, with Jeff Clarke moving to Sunderland as part of the deal.

Winner of the FA Cup medal with Sunderland and a League Cup success with the Maine Road club in 1976, Watson, after a spell with Werder Bremen in Germany, returned to the English First Division with Southampton, and throughout this time has been constantly on duty for England. Up to the end of last season he had won 55 England caps and has added to this figure this season.

But now at 34, I believe Watson's International career is nearing its end. He has given his country wonderful service but is no longer quite the rock-like pillar of safety that he was. And anyway it's time to make way for a younger man.

Ready to take over the central-defender mantle is Russell Osman of Ipswich Town. He has played over a century of games for his club and looks better every time I have seen him this season. Surely he will soon be given the chance to make an England place his own?



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THE MANAGERIAL MAGNET

by GRAHAM SPIERS

One of my favourite parables from the Bible is the one about the Prodigal Son. All that killing the fatted calf for the wayward son who had been reduced to eating with the pigs: an everyday story of country folk no doubt. I was reminded of the Prodigal Son recently, when **Malcolm Allison** was welcomed back to Crystal Palace, the club he had left in 1976. Previously Allison had also returned to Manchester City and Plymouth Argyle — so now Big Mal had signed for a second spell with each of his three League clubs.

Allison isn't the only manager to pay a return visit. In fact he can't equal Bob Stokoe's record yet. Stokoe is currently (or as current as anyone can be on today's precarious managerial roundabout) in charge again at Carlisle United. Back in 1961 he was player-manager with Bury and then from 1965-67 he was in charge at Charlton Athletic. In 1968 he took over at Rochdale, but later that year had his first stay with Carlisle United. Next came Blackpool, before the heady days of

Sunderland and their historic FA Cup victory as a Second Division club. After all that success at Roker Park, Stokoe resigned in October 1976 and spent just over a year out of work before rejoining Bury. A return to Blackpool followed. Then in November 1979 he was back with Rochdale, but resigned earlier this year. And that brings us back to Carlisle United.

All this activity had me checking my records to see which of the other League managers might have returned to the scenes of their former glories. What I came up with was an impressive loyalty list which I think makes interesting reading.

There's Alan Ball for instance. He first joined Blackpool as a 16 year-old amateur back in September 1961, and after an illustrious career, which includes 72 England caps, one of them for the 1966 World Cup win, came the first six figure transfer (£110,000), when he moved to Everton. After further success with Arsenal, Southampton and Vancouver Whitecaps, "Ballie" is back

'home' as manager of his first club — Blackpool.

Brian Miller, the Burnley boss, has never been away from Turf Moor. He simply exchanged his job as Chief Coach for that of Manager at the club where he played until injury forced him out of the game in April 1968. Born a stone's throw from the club, he really believes in keeping it in the family, for his son-in-law Derek Scott also plays for the club!

BAILEY'S BACK

Mike Bailey is another manager now in charge of a club he once played for with great distinction. Bailey joined Charlton Athletic's ground staff in June 1958, and went on to play twice for England with the club before departing for Wolves. A period as player-manager at Hereford United came next, before that old managerial magnet took him back to the Valley as the boss in October 1979.

Tony Waddington took longer in getting back to Crewe Alexandra

as Manager. He played for them from 1946 until 1951, when a knee injury ended his career. He worked his way up from coaching the Youth Team to Manager at Stoke City, where he was in charge from June 1960 to March 1977 before taking over at Crewe in June 1979.

Malcolm Macdonald's first professional club was Fulham — way back in August 1968, and he's been at Luton, Newcastle United and Arsenal before becoming Fulham Manager. It took Allan Clarke just over two years to return to Leeds United after a brief spell as player-manager at Barnsley, and of course Bob Paisley never left Liverpool, his only professional club. Luton Manager David Pleat, who began with Nottingham Forest and went on to Luton Town, performed for Shrewsbury Town, Exeter City, Peterborough United and non-League Nuneaton Borough before taking the hot seat back at Kenilworth Road.

Bill Dodgin was reappointed to the Manager's job at Northampton Town which he left four years earlier, while Oldham Athletic's Jimmy Frizzell has never left. He joined the club in May 1960, becoming manager in March 1970. Jimmy

Bloomfield had six years at Leicester City before returning to the Manager's job with Orient, while Plymouth Argyle boss Bobby Saxton played for the club from 1968-75, then had four years in charge at Exeter City before returning to Home Park.

TERRY'S RETURN

Another former playing star returning to try management with his former club is Terry Venables, now the boss of Queen's Park Rangers. Maurice Evans is attempting a similar job with Reading, for whom he played from 1953 until 1967 before managing Shrewsbury Town. Meanwhile, Ron Ashman is having his second stint in charge at Scunthorpe United, while Jimmy McGuigan, a player with Stockport County back in 1950, is now in charge at the club. Swindon Town's John Trollope, after an amazing record-breaking number of League outings for Swindon Town, has recently taken over the Manager's job at the club. At Walsall, Alan Buckley, the club's player-manager, hardly ever went away. After 241 appearances and 125 goals for the club, he joined Birmingham City. But after less than 30 games

at St. Andrews, he was back in charge at his old club.

John Lyall never left West Ham, where injury ended his playing career, so he became a backroom boy until it was time to take over the Manager's chair from Ron Greenwood.

Arfon Griffiths did leave his native club Wrexham for a couple of years to sample the big city life at Arsenal, but since May 1977 he's been back in charge at the Racecourse Ground.

Barry Lyons of York City did leave the club for a short stay at Darlington, but was soon back and taking charge. Tom McAnearney is having his second term as boss of Aldershot, where he was also once a player.

Terry Neill did leave Arsenal for a time, but he is now in charge of the club where he holds the record for International Caps: 59 for Northern Ireland.

Quite an impressive record of Old Boys returning for the school reunion, and it wouldn't surprise me if there are a few more examples to add to this impressive list before the current campaign is over. And if you don't believe me, ask either Bob Stokoe or Malcolm Allison.



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J.R.

KEN MONTGOMERY OF THE SUNDAY MIRROR



John Richards (Wolves)

J.R. is fitter and sharper than he has been for the last five or six years.

That good news comes not from the set of Dallas, American T.V.'s latest soap opera ratings sensation.

It comes, instead, from Molineux, where Wolves manager John Barnwell has recently been bubbling over the re-emergence not of J.R. Ewing, but of his own J.R. - ex-England striker John Richards.

John, who won his one and only full England cap against Northern Ireland in 1973, would have had a bundle more, but for a whole series of knee injuries and operations.

Yet through all the pain, all the personal misgivings about his career being brought to a premature end, there has never been even a whimper of self-pity from this gentleman among present-day strikers.

Whether it's his Warrington upbringing - they breed them tough in this Lancashire Rugby League hot bed! - or simply the way he is made, J.R. has never been a cry-baby.

Now nearing the veteran stage, it seems unbelievable that he has made just over 300 League appearances for Wolves, knocking home well over 100 League goals.

With any luck at all, the appearances would have been well over 500, and certainly his goals tally would have topped the 200 by now.

Yet Richards doesn't curse his bad luck. He's the first to admit that he's delighted simply to be playing First Division football.

"There have been times when I really feared the worst", he has admitted to me. But never once did he look for sympathy.

Having travelled the world with the Wolves striker, I have known him go out for matches in New Zealand during an injury-ravaged England B trip and play his heart out, when he was less fit for action than some who sat out matches in the stands.

He recently hit a goal against Arsenal at Highbury that had John Barnwell beaming: "That was a real goalscorer's goal. He took it perfectly".

Yet not many weeks ago, Barnwell reluctantly dropped Richards, who seemed to have lost that special sparkle a striker needs these days in the hurly-burly of the First Division.

Others may have moaned. Not J.R. he accepted Barnwell's decision, and waited yet again for the chance of his upteenth comeback in the famous Old Gold of Wolves.

At one stage in his career, Richards briefly formed the most devastating double spearhead in the game. His partner in the goal-scoring smash-and-grab game was that ferocious Irishman, Derek Dougan.

"The Doog", now a T.V. personality as big as he was as a player, has never been afraid to voice his opinion.

"We had a tremendous thing going between us", recalls Dougan. "It was almost like telepathy".

Unfortunately, Richards got injured. Dougan got old (He'll kill me for that, next time we meet). And Wolves suffered as a consequence.

Now, however, Richards has still the chance to form yet another deadly duo, this time with million-pound man Andy Gray, who has himself spent more than enough time already on the Molineux treatment table.

It would be nice to see the pair in full flight, for between them they have the talents to be totally electrifying.

In wishing a Happy New Year to readers, I extend that wish a bit further. May it be to all football fans and players in general - and to J.R. in particular.



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ABOUT an hour north of southern Germany's Bavarian capital, Munich, lies a more industrial city called Ingolstadt. While Munich is inextricably linked to beer festivals and BMW, Ingolstadt is home town for Audi. This is the more status-conscious arm of VW, the two destined to do more marketing under the combined VAG label in future.

Audi are an ambitious lot. They are wedded to climbing the status scale of motor manufacturers, and would particularly like to grasp the BMW image of quality and speed.

In 1980 their ambitions materialised into solid metal. To do the image job they decided to go rallying with the sophisticated Quattro. A four wheel drive coupe that will ally the traction of a Land Rover with the weight of a Capri, and more power than a Jaguar XJ-S, when the Audi is in rally trim.

Audi will enter a two car team in 1981 World Championship rallies, probably starting with the most famous, Monte Carlo. They have an

excellent chance of winning at their first attempt too, for their turbo-charged car will be driven by that most successful Finn, Hannu Mikkola. For back up publicity and considerable driving skill, allied to a face that's far from ugly, they have French female talent in the form of Michele Mouton.

That should take care of the image, now what to sell to the public?

Contrary to the current trend, Audi offer cars of increasing size, but not of increasing weight, or of ever-larger engines.

Audi are one of the most technically-conscious car companies today. They watch weight and shape fanatically and are wedded to the idea of front wheel drive on all products save that rally car, which had drive all round, if you see what we mean!

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tion. For their £12,950 Audi 200 5T topline they use just 2,144cc (little bigger than a Marina motor) and boost it to 170 bhp through turbocharging.

The result is a very different luxury car which — in Britain at least — has an enormous list of luxury items as standard equipment in the bid to rob Mercedes, BMW and Jaguar of sales.

To drive, it's quiet and quick, but you don't get something for nothing. If you use that 170 bhp fully then fuel consumption is much the same as any other car in this class, 17-21 mpg in automatic trim.

As Seiko would say: "Some day all cars will be made this way...." But will they?

VW CATCH THE BUG

Now Audi's enthusiasm for going upmarket seems to have infected their blood brothers over at VW. They have just announced, for sale in Germany at present and for Britain next year, a bigger version of their front drive mid-range offering, the VW Passat.

Expected to cost between £5,500 and close to £7,000, the new Passats feature the choice of 1.6 or 1.9 litre petrol engines. The bigger unit is of five cylinders, instead of the conventional four or six, a feature Audi also use in the 200 we spoke of and other top-of-the-range models.

There will also be a diesel 1600 capable of 54.3 mpg at a constant 56mph. This is rather better than the 100mph plus petrol engined models can offer, their official government mpg figures scaling from 22.2 in town to 43.5 mpg at that constant 56mph.

On the road these front drive hatchbacks — a very smart estate of Cortina size will also be offered — drive very quietly and seem a little sluggish. That's owing to the peace and quiet and the high economy gearing. An option is a very high fifth gear marked E, but this may not be practical on speed-restricted British motorways.

A feature dismissed as a gimmick by some experts, yet proven by VW engineers to save even their expert test driver's 10-15% fuel, is a warning light that comes on to indicate when you should change gear. There's also a readout to show how much fuel you are using, but it is not so accurate as the latest in-car computers, because it is just a simple vacuum gauge, reading off the carburettor inlet manifold.

Even in the German market, Europe's biggest, and over double the size of ours, there is strong resistance to bigger cars unless they have the very highest prestige badges and engineering behind them. VW-Audi certainly know their engineering, but their marketers could have taken them up a blind alley in going for bigger cars at this time!

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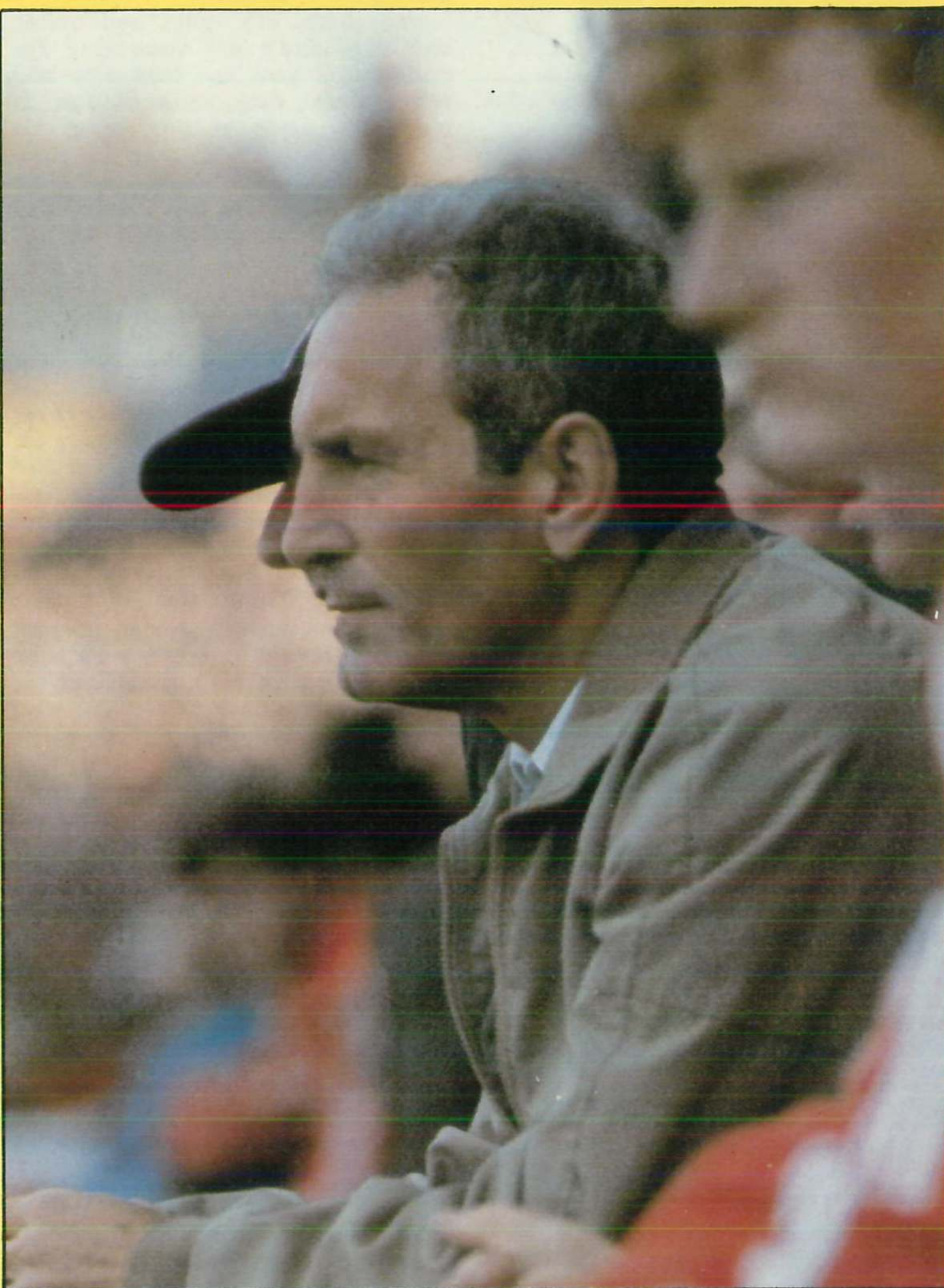


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It's more that the team Dave Sexton has rebuilt is ready to erupt once more into the sort of side feared throughout the country.

Who says so? None other than Dave Sexton himself. And this distinguished Londoner is not famed for blowing his own trumpet.

Indeed, the reverse is the case. Dave, right back to his days as manager of Chelsea and QPR, before ever becoming overlord of Old

Trafford, has had a reputation within the game of being Soccer's Quiet Man.

STEEL-EYED

One of Ron Greenwood's England lieutenants, this steel-eyed son of a former professional boxer, and a much-travelled centre-forward in his own playing days, has a burning desire to bring back Old Trafford's glory days.

And for a fellow whose favourite card game could never be "Brag", it is interesting to hear him remark:

"I keep asking our supporters to have patience, and we will have a really good side.

"Our team is a lively team. They are all genuine fellows, looking for space to run into.

"I THINK THERE'S A TREMENDOUS SURGE THERE WAITING TO GET OUT".

Dave Sexton must feel really sure of himself to make remarks of that nature. But in a year when the League Championship is as wide-open as it has been for a very long time, there is no reason why Manchester United should not be among the leading contenders.

They are not the same sort of side as some of the great United teams of the past. The Busby Babes, destroyed at Munich, were fast developing into the best club side in the world.

Then there was the Old Trafford era of Law, East and Charlton. When ever again will one club be able to boast three such geniuses on their staff simultaneously?

United won the last of their First Division Championships in 1967. Their F.A. Cup triumph was when they won it for the fourth time in 1977. And of course, their one European Cup win came as long ago as 1968.

REVIVAL

But there have been signs of late that, under Sexton's quiet but controlled management, the revival is not far distant. They were runners-up in the title race last season.

Since then, they have signed Gary Birtles from Nottingham Forest for £1.25 million which would, one assumes, improve the squad.

Birtles made a slow, unspectacular, start to his career with Manchester United, but Sexton remained unworried, explaining: He has done practically no training in his first few weeks with us.

"All he has been able to do is play, and have treatment".

Consider, too, that United missed the silky midfield skills of Ray Wilkins and the central defensive steel of Gordon McQueen right through the autumn, and their results have been praiseworthy.

United fans have been warned on success. The rest of the country expects something special when Manchester United come to visit.

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Richard Digance

The first time that East Ender Richard Digance went to a football match he was 8 years old. West Ham his local team were playing Blackpool, although it wasn't so much West Ham, as the legendary Stanley Matthews that he wanted to see. Alas Richard was much smaller then and despite arriving hours before the kick off, as the ground filled up he was pushed further and further to the back, until it was only by jumping up and down and peering between the shifting gaps in the spectators, that he managed to see **anything of the home sides five nil win.**

Now as one of the country's most popular and original folk singers it's not Richard's lack of height, (he's grown a good bit since he was eight) that prevents him from seeing as much of the Hammers as he'd like, but his very busy schedule. Currently touring with Elkie Brooks as special guest, he has shared the stage with stars such as Joan Armatrading, Richard and Linda Thompson, Jethro Tull, recorded seven albums of his own, made countless television appearances. Indeed Michael Parkinson recently asked him to compose and perform a special song for the opening show in his Wednesday night spot.

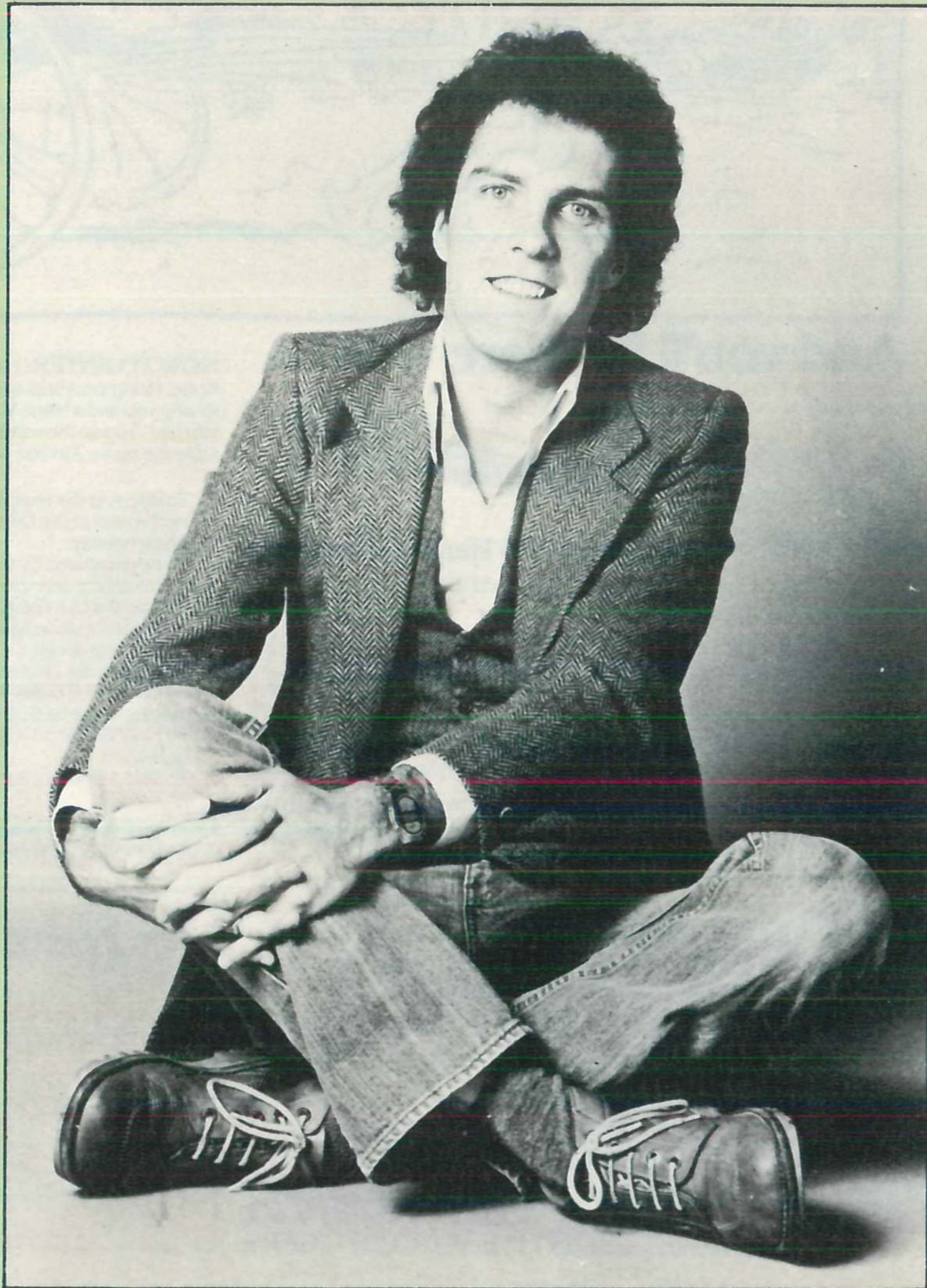
Add to this Richard's own radio show 'Richard Digance and Friends', which is to be heard on London's Capital Radio every Sunday, his contribution of hilarious songs to Radio Two's satirical 'Stop the World' and his headlining appearances at such places as The Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Cambridge Folk Festival, where he received a **standing ovation, and you get some idea of the sort of demands on his time.** Perhaps Richard Digance's success owes much to his East End Origins as it does his good melodic and distinctive voice certainly his one man show with its casual chat between songs, songs which themselves cast a wry eye over some of life's absurdities, ensure him of a warm reception wherever he goes. Football themes feature in many of his best known numbers, like the song he wrote about his hero Jimmy Greaves, or his Parody of Elkie Brook's hit, 'Pearl's a singer', which he entitled 'Earl's a Winger', and which recounts the misfortunes of an appallingly inept footballer, though he is wise enough not to reveal which particular

player he had in mind while composing it.

Away from his hectic show-business life, Richard takes great pleasure in writing what he calls 'silly poems and a collection of these; which he says he produces as a way of releasing the pressures of work were published by Michael Joseph, under the title 'Animal Alphabet'. My particular favourite being 'The Jungle Cup Final' the story of teams of ants, giraffes and gorillas, as they battle it out for the jungle's equivalent of one of soccer's most prized

pieces of silverware. Already plans have been made to serialise the book and I doubt if it will be long before more of his 'silly poems' appear in print.

With so much happening for him at the moment Richard Digance's opportunities to watch football may become even fewer, but I'd bet on one thing whenever the opportunity does present itself, he'll be there on the terraces at Upton Park, cheering the team on and no doubt at the same time gathering more material for his songs and poems.



ENGLAND will be the losers

By ERIC NICHOLLS

If Frank Stapleton and David O'Leary do say "Bye-bye Arsenal" when their present contracts end in June, I would suggest the Football League call in a team of "trick cyclists" and have their heads examined.

So, what's so special about these players or Arsenal themselves? Oh yes, we are talking about two highly talented Republic of Ireland internationals and a club that still has a name wherever football is played.

The point at issue is that one little change in the rule book would probably be enough to keep Stapleton and O'Leary at Highbury. As it would have done with Liam Brady. As it might well have done with Tony Woodcock and Forest and Laurie Cunningham and Albion.

Because of the tax situation in the UK, all star players ask for is to be allowed to form themselves into companies. Yes, to their advantage. But also, we should remember, to the advantage of the clubs and the game of football in this island.

'NO WAY'

Trevor Francis is reported to have asked the League for permission to do that. And they are supposed to have told him: 'No way', because wages can only be paid to individuals".

Mr Denis Hill-Wood, the chairman of Arsenal, has raised the same question and received the same answer.

According to the League it is a matter of what is best for the majority of clubs and such a move would be of benefit to only a few at the top.

It is perfectly understandable for the League to consider all 92 clubs. The fact that it is an overweight competition is another story. But surely the good of the game in England is a little matter the League should also think about. And if our star boys are going to get jet happy for the simple reason that they can earn and keep much more money in other countries, the English League will be the losers.

As Mr. Hill-Wood has said, you can't blame the players. Theirs is a short professional life and money means security for the future if a broken leg cuts their career even shorter. As in his case Stapleton and O'Leary are in no way desperate

to leave Arsenal. But if Brady's Juventus or another Italian club come in with money to burn they could hardly say 'No'.

So, Arsenal can seek all the advice it is possible to get from some of the country's leading tax experts. But unless the League change their tune there is very little anyone can do to keep the players happy under the existing tax laws.

The same applies in reverse to persuading stars with foreign clubs to come to England. Good publicity for Nottingham, but Brian Clough's reported interest in Mario Kempes, the Argentinian star with Valencia, would probably qualify for 'Joke of the Year'. With Kempes earning around £150,000 a year with

Valencia, and most of that tax free, how could Mr. Clough keep Kempes happy here?

DESPAIR

As Mr. Hill-Wood has said, the League's management committee sometimes make him despair and maybe in 20 years they will have changed the rules to allow players to form themselves into companies. But, as everyone knows, that will be a little too late.

It was 10 years ago that Mr. Hill-Wood suggested that clubs should be allowed to pay their directors. At a recent football seminar this idea was suggested.

Mr Hill-Wood will probably, as he has said, be heartbroken if Stapleton and O'Leary do go at the end of this season. But there is little more he can do.

The Italian clubs, as well as lining up in an orderly - or more likely disorderly - queue are laughing their heads off at us and hoping that our tax laws stay exactly as they are.

Apart from that rare quality in our game - commonsense - the League could, of course, seek advice from people who know what the problem is all about. The Test and County Cricket Board.

But, like the payment for directors idea, it might take the League 10 little years to get around to that.



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And might stop the sinking feeling, you will get from time to time.

You will need some special ear drums, just in case, by chance, they score
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THE TROUBLE WITH SAINTS

I am a women on my own
Living with three young men
I hear you say 'how wonderful'
But wait, you'll think again.
I have a husband, football mad
Two son's they're crazy too.
The only subject in this house
Is the Saints and how they'll do
Saturdays are worst of all
I sit with fingers crossed
Will they come home pleased or mad
Have they won or have they lost
Now they've got my mum and dad
I feel left alone and blue
Well, there's only one thing for it
COME ON SAINTS YOU'VE GOT ME TOO.

Mrs S. Stoner
Nr. Romsey, Hants

HOOLIGANISM

They fight upon the terraces,
They fight for all to see.
It's time we called a halt.
To Hooligans like these.

Football is for all the fans.
Both young and old alike.
A time to join together.
In Harmony, thats right!
To sing our teams own praises.
when goals are scored with might,
Tis such a shame, that just a few,
Go there to brawl and fight.

It doesn't matter, if we shout,
And stamp our feet with glee,
Or bang a drum or sing a song,
As long as it's supreme,
This Helps to add the magic touch,
To all these friendly games,
Where people can unite as one,
And be pleased to come again.

RESPECT Is what we want from you,
You Hooligans so few,
So put away your arrogance,
And join the many who,
Enjoy the game of football,
For its a pleasant way,
Of heralding our Champions,
Our Heroes of the day.

Mrs. M. Bailey
Southampton

POLITICAL FOOTBALL!

They've elected Labour's Leader - made Michael Foot
their man;
Brian Clough's tried hard to join him - he'll manage',
if he can!
But I wonder if you realise - should they both win a
'Seat' down South;
How great would be our danger - of getting
'Foot and Mouth' !!

Robert T. Weaver
Fareham, Hants

THE AWAY TRAVELLERS LAMENT

You're out before the sparrows cough,
Before the cock had crowed.
The gold in the scarf gleams in the dark,
It's time to hit the road.

You are bored to tears in the traffic.
On the motorway, in a dirty great queue,
or stuck for yonks in a siding
Twelve miles south of Crewe.

You arrive light years North of nowhere
Where the sleet is lashing it down.
You eye the three mills and two coal mines,
And think, 'Is this really a town'?

You wander about its' grime blackened streets,
That could never have seen the sun.
After countless Saturdays spent like this,
Siberia must be fun.

Spurs were at home to United today,
There'll be nothing like that up here,
And the money you spent to reach this grim hole,
Would've bought a fortnights supply of beer.

You dine on "Pee" in a plastic cup,
And eat, getting wetter and wetter,
Two sausage rolls, that make you think
The cup would have tasted better.

You meet the home teams aggro mob,
The look in their eyes you can tell,
'Who wants to come two hundred miles to get thumped'
You think, as you run like hell.

You stand and watch your heroes perform
Like they all retired last season.
'Because we need you' the manager said,
But you know theres a different reason.

Your once proud dad will tell you why,
And your mates will secretly mutter,
Aloud 'enjoy the game' they'll cry,
But in a whisper "He must be a nutter".

Support us away, the manager said,
come on now, boss be fair, man,
It aint no fun standing here in the rain,
Chanting "Out" at you and the chairman

You sit, going home, in carriage or coach
And having a bloody good moan
Would you believe it, the classified 'pink'
Says the 'Stiffs' lost 4-1 at home.

It's not easy being a fan in the Fourth,
It can sometimes be quite a pain,
Here I am, with the ninety first club in the League,
When I could be at White Hart Lane.

But in spite of the jibes and the jeers, and the taunts,
The innuendo, and all the teasing,
I know, if I don't get a psychiatrists help,
I'll be doing it again, next season.

Terry Challis
Watford

REF-RAFF

I know I'm just a little man with just a little whistle,
And yet, by heck, I hold in check men of brawn and gristle.
A brute may frown as he looks down to try it on a bit,
But breathing hard, I flash my card, and that soon stops the nit.

I make him squirm just like a worm, whenever he starts to bellow.
The colour of my little card soon starts to turn him yellow,
Although not tall, in fact quite small, I'm still not easily led.
One more squeak out of him like that and the blighter will soon SEE RED.

As players entangle and frequently wrangle, I beckon them then to come hither.
I see at a glance as I take up my stance. the wretches will jolly soon wither.
They're good with a ball but thats not all they perform with an innocent look.
It will cut no ice if they look at me nice as I finger my little black book.

Though right or wrong, I still keep strong, when giving out my decision.
When right or wrong, its followed on by howls of fan's derision.
I'm the butt of jokes of numerous blokes, that stand in that football throng
Angels from heavens in charge of elevens would still be judged to be wrong.

Jack W. Cash
Cambridge

QUE SERA!

United crash from Revie's reign,
the mighty, heavy fallen.
A great team now in only name,
past glories ever calling.

As the crowd sing Que sera, my friend,
whatever shall be, shall be,
shall never fortress Elland Road
that great team's equal see?

Regarded now as easy prey,
the past from memory faded.
United's true and famous play
by present days degraded.

As the crowd sing "Que sera", my friend,
whatever shall be, shall be,
shall Leeds again the holder
of these trophies be?

And now march on with Leeds once more;
march on with Clarke's new side,
March on together to restore
United's former pride.

As the crowd sing "Que sera", my friend,
whatever shall be, shall be,
United's one, forever march
shall be to victory

Mr K. Ennis
Eltham, London

WIND OF CHANGE

Did I hear a whisper,
That Soccer's going wrong?
That Gate receipts are falling,
- the whisper's very strong.

Did someone say, the other day,
its going down the drain.
That massive changes must be made,
to save our national game.

Perhaps I am mistaken,
But I'm sure I heard a voice,
Say 'Change the laws my friends,
We have very little choice!'

'We must play the game on Sundays,
We should kill the off-side rule,

We must stop expensive transfers,
Scoring goals - now that is cool!

I know I'm not an expert, but,
it seems quite plain to me,
That all the problems would be solved,
if we could watch for free!

Soccer should be nationalised,
like cars and steel and coal,
then taxes could offset the loss, why not
Give a point for every goal?

Or better still, leave well alone,
It will come out right, you'll see,
Just treat it like a Sport again,
Perhaps that is the key!

N. B. Gilchfow
Stoke-on-trent

APOLOGY

In our Issue 7B a junior poem appeared - a very good poem - but referring to a minority element of football fans. It made a distinct reference to Southampton and that club in particular take great pride in their fans behaviour. We apologise to anyone connected with Southampton who may have taken offence.

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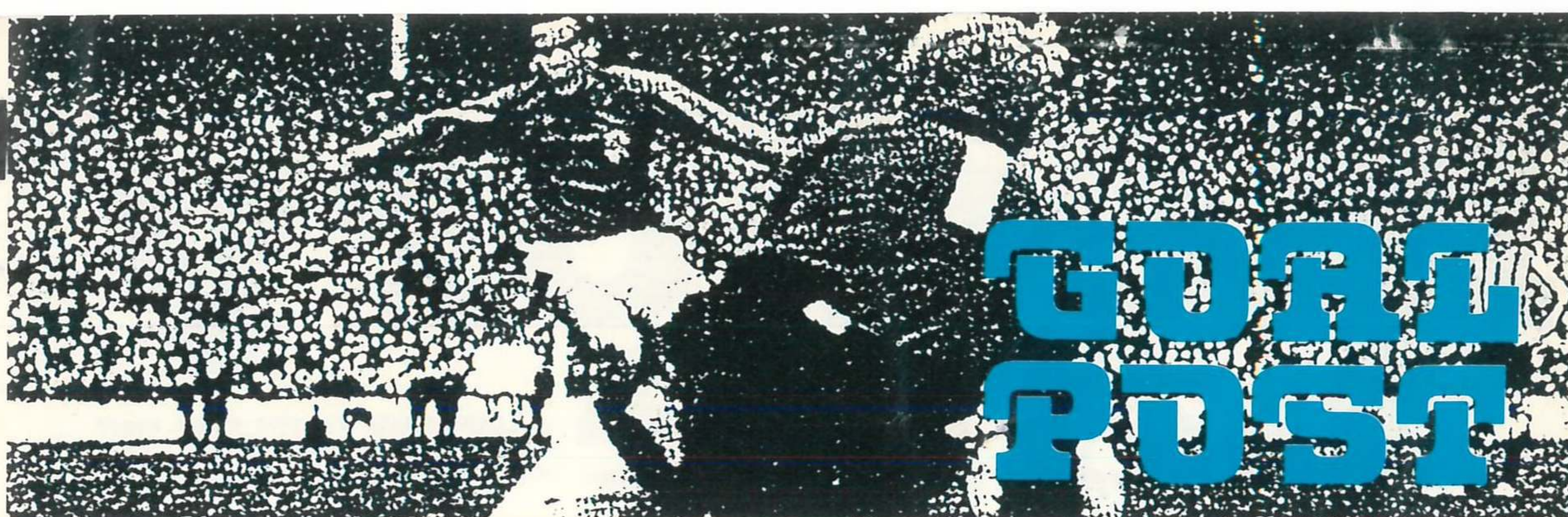
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Dear Sir,

Assuming that United play Leicester in the next round. I have seen Leicester more than I have seen United this season and would like to say that the Leicester supporters are a very sociable crowd. While on a midweek stroll, I passed Filbert Street and had a walk in to look at the ground.

The groundsman ambled over and asked if I wanted to see anybody in particular. I said I was looking around because I might sign for them. He asked if I'd got my boots and I told him I played in my bare feet. He told me: "B.... off back to Geordieland, we've got enough comedians here already!" I saw United beat Luton and in my opinion a fit John Brownlie with a good ball player in front of him on the wing would put paid to Leicester.

J. HETHERINGTON (64 yrs),
17 JUBILEE ESTATE, ASHINGTON.

Judging by your sense of humour, Mr. H, I'm surprised they didn't keep you. Just to cheer them up! Editor.

Dear Sir,

I've been a Newcastle United supporter since 1946, and over the years you have always had your moaners even when there wasn't much to moan about; like when Len Shackleton played back in 1947-48, I remember someone saying, great entertainer but not much of a team man; about Jackie Milburn, if it wasn't for his speed he would be nothing, and Bobby Mitchell hangs



Players Like Him are Ten a Penny.

onto the ball too long. George Eastham was too frail and Len White too small to be a centre forward. Finally the one that I suppose must have been repeated more than all the others, Joe Harvey's a great captain but not much of a player.

If these men were playing in a black and white shirt today, even with all their faults, I think even Liverpool would be also rans when it came to winning honours. But I suppose there have been moaners since the game of football began and there always will be.

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A LOOK BACK TO THE LAST VISIT OF BOLTON WANDERERS OUR VISITORS TODAY, AN EPIC CUP-TIE DURING 1976.

The opening months of 1976 proved to be a truly exciting period in the History of Newcastle United, in these weeks no fewer than eleven thrilling Cup-ties were seen including League Cup semi's and finals and also a trio of mementus F.A. Cup games with those famous Cup fighters of old, Bolton Wanderers, then the Division Two leaders, action that is no doubt still vivid in many readers minds.

Following a classic 4th Round draw at Burnden Park that ended 3-3, 52,760 Cup mad fans rolled up to see the replay at Gallowgate the following Wednesday and despite the 0-0 scoreline they got everthing and more... everything that is except a goal.

The two teams were:

United: Mahoney; Nattrass, Kennedy; Craig (D), Keeley, Howard; Burns, Cassidy, Macdonald, Gowling, Craig (T). Sub. Barrowclough.

Wanderers: Siddall; Ritson, Dunne; Greaves, Jones (P), Allardyce; Byrom, Whatmore, Jones (G), Reid, Thompson. Sub. Nicholson.

The vast crowd was given some added enthusiasm when boss Gordon Lee gave his Manager-of-the-Month gallon of whisky away to the fans in miniatures before the football started, and how it started. United went straight for goals and took Bolton by the scruff of the neck, they pounded 'keeper Barry Siddall for all of the first-half but the burley custodian was equal to everything thrown at him. He saved well from Burns, then from David Craig who was that evening playing in midfield. Alan Kennedy caused all sorts of problems with his attacking sorties down the left-wing while his opposite full-back Irving Nattrass made Siddall produce a marvellous stop from a thundering drive. The Bolton 'keeper continued to thwart United, Gowling had two efforts well saved and then after he had dropped a Burns shot recovered just in time to stop the ball crossing the line. As the St. James' crowd were to see again in years to come, Barry Siddall proved to be quite a thorn to Newcastle attacks.

The second-half was equally exciting. Two blatant penalty appeals

were discharged after Macdonald and Kennedy had been brought down but that was nothing to the agonies United fans suffered on 55 minutes when Supremac looked a cert to break the deadlock when clean through but incredibly he hooked his shot against the post. Then almost immediately Glen Keeley almost gave the game to Bolton with a misplaced pass but thankfully Ritson also hit the woodwork and Neil Whatmore struck the crossbar from the rebound, what a sigh of relief that was!

Extra-time came and went with no goals but plenty of nailbiting with the game flowing from end to end, it was one of the most exciting goalless games seen at Gallowgate. The action was transferred to Elland Road five days later and of course I don't have to remind you of the outcome... a 2-1 United win achieved without Supremac too. As it turned out Bolton couldn't handle that defeat for they struggled for the rest of the season and after being certs for promotion slipped to 4th spot.

○ ○ ○ PLAYER FROM THE PAST – DAVID CRAIG ○ ○ ○

One club man, David Craig, at his peak during the late sixties was labelled the best right-back in the Football League, cool, classy but fierce too, he joined United from his home in Comber, Northern Ireland as an apprentice professional during August 1960 and didn't leave until some 18 years later during the summer of 1978 when he joined Blyth for a brief period.

A long successful spell in junior football followed including a Youth Cup winners medal in 1962 and soon he was in the reserve side. On 9th November 1963 David's big day arrived when he was given the No. 2 shirt by boss Joe Harvey after the Club had gone through a disastrous period of injuries. United lost to Cardiff 0-4 that



day but the young Craig was soon back in the side for good. His first full season was 1964/65 when United won promotion, a year when he also gained an Under 23 cap against Wales and it was the beginning of 14 seasons wearing the No. 2 jersey, all told appearing on 406 occasions (10 goals) winning a Fairs Cup tankard and being terribly unlucky to miss a Wembley visit in 1974 because of a dislocated elbow.

Craig also reached international football 25 times, perhaps 20 caps too few due to other injuries and today he runs a business on Tyneside. For me Craig was and still is the best full-back I have seen, he was rarely to have a poor game being consistant week in week out.

Any Questions

PAUL JOANNOU ANSWERS
YOUR QUERIES ON UNITED'S
PAST AND PRESENT.

PLAYERS TUNNELS

An interesting question from Mr. N. Blair who lives in Walker and who has been following the Magpies for a considerable period. He writes, "I wonder if you could settle an argument with my workmates and myself. I say that I can remember two players tunnels at St. James' Park, they say I am imagining it."

No, you are quite correct Mr. Blair there were two tunnels for many a year at Gallowgate, one for the visitors and one for United, both roughly in the same spot as the existing one now. During 1956 when the grounds main entrance, dressing rooms etc were given major modernisation treatment the double tunnel was altered. Prior to 1956 both sets of players apparently had to go through quite an obstacle course to reach the turf; up stairs, down stairs, round corners and all on football studs too!

LONG SERVING

Peter Clifton from the coast asks, "Who are Uniteds longest serving players and present staff?"

The longest serving current player is Peter Kelly who joined the Club as a youngster in July 1974. Kenny Mitchell who joined in May 1975, and David Barton July 1975 are next in line for the 'veteran' tag while Willie McFaul has been with the Club almost 15 years signing for us from Linfield back in November 1966 but his record can't compare with the two loyal servants who have been around the corridors of St. James' Park since before the War, Benny Craig and Uniteds longest serving member, Alec Mutch.

Alec first joined the ground staff way back in July 1929, some fifty odd years ago when aged 16 having arrived on Tyneside with his father Sandy Mutch who had been transferred to United from Huddersfield a few years earlier. At 19 Alec became the youngest trainer in the country when he was appointed to take charge of the third team and has since been a most likeable backroom aid. Not far behind Alec mind you is former full-back Benny Craig who was signed from Huddersfield during November 1938 for a £4,000 fee. He has remained with the Club since, grooming youngsters and was in fact in charge of Newcastle's only F.A. Youth Cup success in 1962 when the likes of Bob Moncur, Alan Suddick and David Craig were under his wing.

If you wish to know any facts on United's history, the Club in general, or information on your favourite player drop us a line at.... 'ANY QUESTIONS' Newcastle Football Club Programme, St. James' Park, Newcastle Upon Tyne.

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F.A. CUP FOURTH ROUND

Super soccer action from our convincing 2-1 win over Luton Town last Saturday.

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At the end of April we are again competing in the National Federation of Football Supporter's Clubs (Northern Area) 7-a-side football tournament at Huddersfield. Last year we entered one team but we hope this time to have two teams entered. If you are interested in playing, members of the Supporters Club only, then you should contact either Trevor Dobson or Malcolm Pegg for details. Practice games will be held soon so please make early application for a game. The tournament, incidentally, will be held on a Sunday and spectators are admitted, so if you are interested in making the journey to support the club then please contact our Travel Section for details.

We recently attended a Programme Fair at Sunderland. The fair was attended by many local and visiting programme dealers and was quite a success. With programme collecting such a popular hobby now these fairs are extremely well attended. The Supporters Club has in fact attended several Fairs in other parts of the country in recent months and have established good contacts in Scotland and England helping to make our selection of programmes one of the best.

Our Sales Service reports that the new Newcastle United strip, complete with blue star, is, selling quite well. The top costs £8.25 (small) and £10.80 size 34" upwards. Shorts cost from £3.20 to £3.90 and socks £1.75 and £2.40. The full set sizes 26/28 and 30/32 costs £13.20 (£14 to include postage) and the large size £16.90 (£17.80 to include postage).

If you are calling at any of our Souvenir Shops today then don't forget to get your club diary. They cost 55p only.

NEWCASTLE STATISTICS 1980/81

S Indicates Substituted b Indicates Booked Player		Competition	Result	Attendance	Points	Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	O.G.
1980 Aug. 16	Sheffield Wed.	A	L 0-2	26,164	0	—	Carr	Kelly	Davies	C'wright	Boam	Carney d	Rafferty	Shinton	Clarke	Wharton	Koenen	Hibbitt	
Aug. 20	Notts County	H	L 1-1	17,249	1	—	Carr	Kelly	Davies	Shlder 1	Boam	Barton	Rafferty	Shinton s	Clarke	Wharton	Koenen	C'wright	
Aug. 23	Bolton Wan.	A	L 0-4	11,835	1	22	Carr	Kelly	Davies	Shoulder	Boam	Barton	Rafferty	Shinton	Clarke	Wharton	Koenen s	C'wright	
Aug. 27	Bury LC2. 1L.	H	C 3-2	9,069	—	—	Carr	Kelly	Davies	Barton	Boam	Leaver	Koenen	Hibbitt	Shldr 1	Rafferty 2	Nicholson	C'wright	
Aug. 30	Luton Town	H	L 2-1	13,164	3	21	Hardwick	Carney	Davies	Walker	Boam	Barton S	Shoulder	Nicholson	Rafferty	Hibbitt 1	Koenen 1	Wharton	
Sept. 3	Bury LC2. 2L.	A	C 0-1	4,348	—	—	Hardwick	Carney	Davies	Walker	Boam	Wharton	Shoulder	Shinton	Rafferty	Hibbitt	Koenen	Mitchell	
Sept. 6	Cardiff	H	L 2-1	15,804	5	14	Hardwick	Carney	Davies	Walker	Boam	Mitchell	Shoulder1	Rafferty	Clarke 1	Hibbitt	Koenen	Wharton	
Sept. 13	Q.P.R.	A	L 2-1	10,865	7	8	Hardwick	Carney	Davies	Walker	Boam 1	Mitchell	Shoulder	Rafferty	Clarke	Hibbitt 1 S	Koenen	Cartwright	
Sept. 20	Oldham	H	L 0-0	19,700	8	9	Hardwick	Carney	Davies	Walker	Boam	Mitchell	Shoulder	Rafferty	Clarke	Hibbitt	Koenen	Wharton	
Sept. 23	League Cup 3		C																
Sept. 27	Bristol Rovers	A	L 0-0	5,171	9	8	Carr	Kelly	Davies B	Walker	Boam	Carney B	Shoulder	Rafferty	Clarke	Hibbitt	Koenen	Cartwright	
Oct. 4	West Ham	H	L 0-0	24,848	10	10	Carr	Kelly	Davies	Walker	Boam	Mitchell	Shoulder	Hibbitt	Shinton	Rafferty	Koenen	Martin	
Oct. 7	Preston N.E.	A	L 3-2	5,301	12	7	Carr	Kelly	Davies	Walker	Boam	Mitchell	Shoulder	Martin	Shinton 2	Rafferty 1	Hibbit	Koenen	
Oct. 11	Bristol City	A	L 0-2	10,539	12	9	Carr	Kelly	Davies	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shlder S	Wharton	Shinton	Rafferty	Hibbitt	Cartwright	
Oct. 18	Swansea City	H	L 1-2	16,792	12	10	Carr	Kelly	Davies	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shoulder	Wharton	Shinton	Rafferty 1	Hibbitt	Carney	
Oct. 22	Shrewsbury	H	L 1-0	11,963	14	7	Carr	Carney	Withe	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shinton	Wharton	Waddle	Rafferty 1	Hibbitt	Walker	
Oct. 25	Chelsea	A	L 0-6	22,916	14	9	Carr	Carney	Withe	Martin	Boam	Halliday	Shinton	Cartwright	Waddle S	Rafferty	Wharton	Koenen	
Oct. 29	League Cup 4		C																
Nov. 1	Watford	H	L 2-1	14,619	16	8	Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shinton 1	Wharton	Clarke	Shoulder	Hibbitt 1	Koenen	
Nov. 8	Cambridge	A	L 1-2	5,684	16	9	Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shinton 1	Wharton	Clarke	Shoulder	Hibbitt	Koenen	
Nov. 11	Notts Co.	A	L 0-0	8,093	17	9	Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shinton	Wharton	Clarke	Shoulder	Hibbitt	Koenen	
Nov. 15	Sheffield Wed.	H	L 1-0	19,161	19	9	Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shinton 1	Wharton	Clarke	Shoulder	Hibbitt	Koenen	
Nov. 22	Wrexham FAC1	H	L 0-1	19,593	19	10	Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shinton	Wharton	Clarke	Shoulder	Hibbitt	Koenen	
Nov. 29	Orient	A	L 1-1	5,800	20	10	Carr	Carney	Johnson B	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shinton 1	Wharton	Rafferty	Shoulder	Koenen	Cartwright	
Dec. 3	League Cup 5		C																
Dec. 6	Blackburn	H	L	Postponed															
Dec. 13	Swansea C. 2	A	L 0-4	11,672	20	14	Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shinton	Wharton	C'wright	Shoulder	Koenen s	Nicholson	
Dec. 20	Bristol City	H	L 0-0	14,100	21	13	Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shinton	Trewick	Waddle	Shoulder	Wharton	Hibbitt	
Dec. 26	Grimsby	A	L 0-0	17,623	22	14	Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Mitchell	Shinton	Trewick	Harford	Wharton	Waddle	Hibbitt	
Dec. 27	Derby Co.	H	L 0-2	20,858	22	16	Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Mitchell S	Shinton	Trewick	Harford	Wharton	Waddle	Hibbitt	
1981 Jan. 3	Sheffield W. FA3H	C	2-1	22,499	22		Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Halliday	Shinton	Trewick	Clarke	Wharton	Waddle 2	Walker	
Jan. 10	Wrexham	A	L 0-0	6,437	23	15	Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Halliday	Shinton	Trewick	Harford	Wharton	Waddie	Cartwright	
Jan. 14	League Cup SF. 1L		C																
Jan. 17	Luton Town	A	L 1-0	10,774	25	13	Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin	Boam	Halliday	Shinton	Trewick	Harford 1	Wharton	Waddle	Walker	
Jan. 24	Luton T. (FAC 4)	H	C 2-1	29,202	25		Carr	Carney	Johnson	Martin 1	Boam	Halliday	Shinton	Trewick	Clarke 1	Wharton	Waddle	Shoulder	
Jan. 31	Bolton Wand.	H	L																
Feb. 7	Q.P.R.	H	L																
Feb. 11	League Cup SF. 2L		C																
Feb. 14	Cardiff 5	A	L																
Feb. 21	Bristol Rov.	H	L																
Feb. 28	Oldham	A	L																
Mar. 7	West Ham 6	A	L																
Mar. 14	Preston LCF	H	L																
Mar. 21	Shrewsbury	A	L																
Mar. 28	Chelsea	H	L																
Apr. 4	Watford	A	L																
Apr. 11	Cambridge SF	H	L																
Apr. 18	Derby Co.	A	L																
Apr. 20	Grimsby Town	H	L																
Apr. 25	Blackburn	A	L																
May 2	Orient	H	L																
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F.A. YOUTH CUP NEWS

Last Tuesday evening Uniteds juniors travelled to Maine Road for the important 4th Round Youth Cup match with Manchester City. Our youngsters went down to the strong City eleven by 2-5, Reay and Grigg scoring. A disappointing result, but we were up against one of the countries best youth sides, of the moment.

UNITEDS ATTENDANCES TO DATE

	Home	Away
Average	17,908	10,881
Top gate	29,202 v Luton (FAC)	26,164 v Sheff. Wed. (D2)
Lowest gate	9,069 v Bury (LC)	4,348 v Bury (LC)

DIVISION 2 APPEARANCES

upto 25th January 1981. Total 26 games
Boam 26, Carr 22, Shinton 21, Carney 20, Shoulder 19, Wharton 19, Mitchell 18, Martin 17, Rafferty 15, Hibbitt 15, Johnson 12, Clarke 12, Davies 12, Koenen 11, Kelly 8, Walker 7, Waddle 7, Trewick 5, Hardwick 4, Harford 4, Halliday 3, Cartwright 3, Barton 3, Withe 2, Nicholson 1.

GOALSCORERS

Total 18 goals (10 home, 8 away)
Shinton 7, Hibbitt 3, Rafferty 2, Shoulder 2, Boam 1, Koenen 1, Clarke 1, Harford 1.

CUP APPEARANCES AND SCORES

League Cup Davies 2, Boam 2, Koenen 2, Hibbitt 2, Shoulder 2 (1 goal), Rafferty 2 (2 goals), Carr 1, Kelly 1, Barton 1. Leaver 1, Nicholson 1, Hardwick 1, Carney 1, Wharton 1, Walker 1, Shinton 1.

F.A. Cup Carr 2, Carney 2, Johnson 2, Martin 2 (1 goal), Boam 2, Halliday 2, Shinton 2, Trewick 2, Clarke 2 (1 goal), Wharton 2, Waddle 2 (2 goals).

CENTRAL LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

upto 25th January 1981.

Total 23 games, 55 goals (29 home, 26 away)
Waddle 11, Clarke 7, Pugh 6, Nicholson 6, Shoulder 3, Walton 3, Shinton 3, Koenen 3, Suggett 2, Davies 2, Halliday 1, Grigg 1, Wharton 1, Withe 1, Walker 1, Rafferty 1, Cartwright 1, Barton 1, Own-goal 1.

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LG & CUP GOALSCORERS

upto 25th January 1981.

Walton 16, Grigg 9, Snyder 8, Thomson 5, Reay 2, Miller 2, Leaver 2, Bell 1, Charlton 1, Saunders 1, McDonagh 1.

LEAGUE DIVISION 2

	Home						Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
West Ham	27	12	0	1	32	9	4	7	3	13	14	39	
Swansea	27	8	2	3	24	13	3	8	3	17	17	32	
Notts. Co.	26	6	6	1	17	9	4	6	3	12	16	32	
Chelsea	27	5	5	3	19	9	6	4	4	19	16	31	
Derby Co.	27	6	5	2	23	17	5	4	5	18	19	31	
Sheffield W.	25	10	3	0	24	7	2	3	7	10	20	30	
Blackburn	26	7	5	1	17	5	3	5	5	11	16	30	
Luton	27	6	5	3	24	17	5	2	6	15	16	29	
Grimsby	27	7	6	1	15	3	2	5	6	13	21	29	
Cambridge	26	9	1	4	21	13	4	2	6	11	20	29	
Orient	27	6	5	3	23	14	4	3	6	15	19	28	
Q.P.R.	26	7	4	2	22	7	2	4	7	13	18	26	
Newcastle	26	5	4	3	10	9	3	5	6	8	24	25	
Bolton	27	7	3	4	30	17	2	3	8	12	25	24	
Watford	27	8	3	2	21	12	0	5	9	9	20	24	
Wrexham	26	3	5	5	11	15	5	3	5	11	11	24	
Cardiff	25	6	3	3	17	13	2	4	7	13	23	23	
Shrewsbury	27	5	5	4	21	15	0	7	6	4	13	22	
Preston	26	4	6	3	17	17	1	6	6	8	21	22	
Oldham	26	4	6	3	11	8	2	3	8	11	22	21	
Bristol C.	27	4	7	3	13	9	0	4	9	5	25	19	
Bristol R.	27	1	7	5	14	18	0	3	11	8	30	12	

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES 1980/81

			F	A
1980 Aug.	16	Manchester Utd.	(H)	0 2
	23	Manchester City	(H)	0 1
Sept.	9	Wolves	(A)	1 0
	13	Leeds United	(H)	5 1
	17	Blackpool	(A)	4 0
	27	Stoke City	(H)	3 0
	29	Derby County	(A)	4 2
Oct.	8	Sheffield Wed.	(H)	2 0
	11	Preston N.E.	(H)	5 0
	15	Blackburn Rovers	(H)	3 0
	18	West B. A.	(A)	1 1
	21	Bury	(A)	3 2
	25	Burnley	(H)	P P
	29	Nottingham F.	(A)	2 0
Nov.	8	Liverpool	(H)	2 1
	12	Blackpool	(H)	2 0
	15	Manchester U.	(A)	2 2
	25	Coventry	(A)	2 5
	29	Everton	(H)	P P
Dec.	2	Huddersfield	(A)	2 1
	6	Aston Villa	(A)	2 1
	9	Bolton W.	(A)	1 1
	13	Bury	(H)	2 1
	20	Sheffield Wed.	(A)	2 0
1981 Jan.	10	Coventry	(H)	5 0
	17	Wolves.	(H)	P P
	31	Manchester City	(A)	
Feb.	7	Leeds United	(A)	
	14	Bolton W.	(H)	
	21	Stoke City	(A)	
	28	Nottingham F.	(H)	
Mar.	7	Sheffield Utd.	(H)	
	14	Preston N.E.	(A)	
	21	W.B.A.	(H)	
	28	Burnley	(A)	
Apr.	4	Huddersfield	(H)	
	8	Sheffield United	(A)	
	11	Liverpool	(A)	
	18	Derby County	(H)	
	20	Blackburn R.	(A)	
	25	Aston Villa	(H)	
May	2	Everton	(A)	

Note: see local press for kick-off times.

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A	Aston Villa v Manchester C.	
B	Ipswich v Stoke City	
C	Liverpool v Leicester	
D	Manchester Utd. v Birmingham	
E	Middlesbrough v Crystal P.	
F	Nottm. Forest v Everton	
G	Southampton v Sunderland	
H	Wolves v W.B.A.	

BOARD B

A	Blackburn R. v Orient	
B	Chelsea v Shrewsbury T.	
C	Derby v Luton Town	
D	Sheffield W. v Notts. Co.	
E	Swansea C. v Q.P.R.	
F	Watford v Cambridge U.	
G	West Ham v Preston	
H	Wrexham v Grimsby T.	

BOARD C

A	Blackpool v Huddersfield	
B	Carlisle Utd. v Chester	
C	Charlton Ath. v Plymouth A.	
D	Chesterfield v Burnley	
E	Fulham v Swindon	
F	Hartlepool v Rochdale	
G	Peterborough v Doncaster R.	
H	Wigan v Lincoln City	